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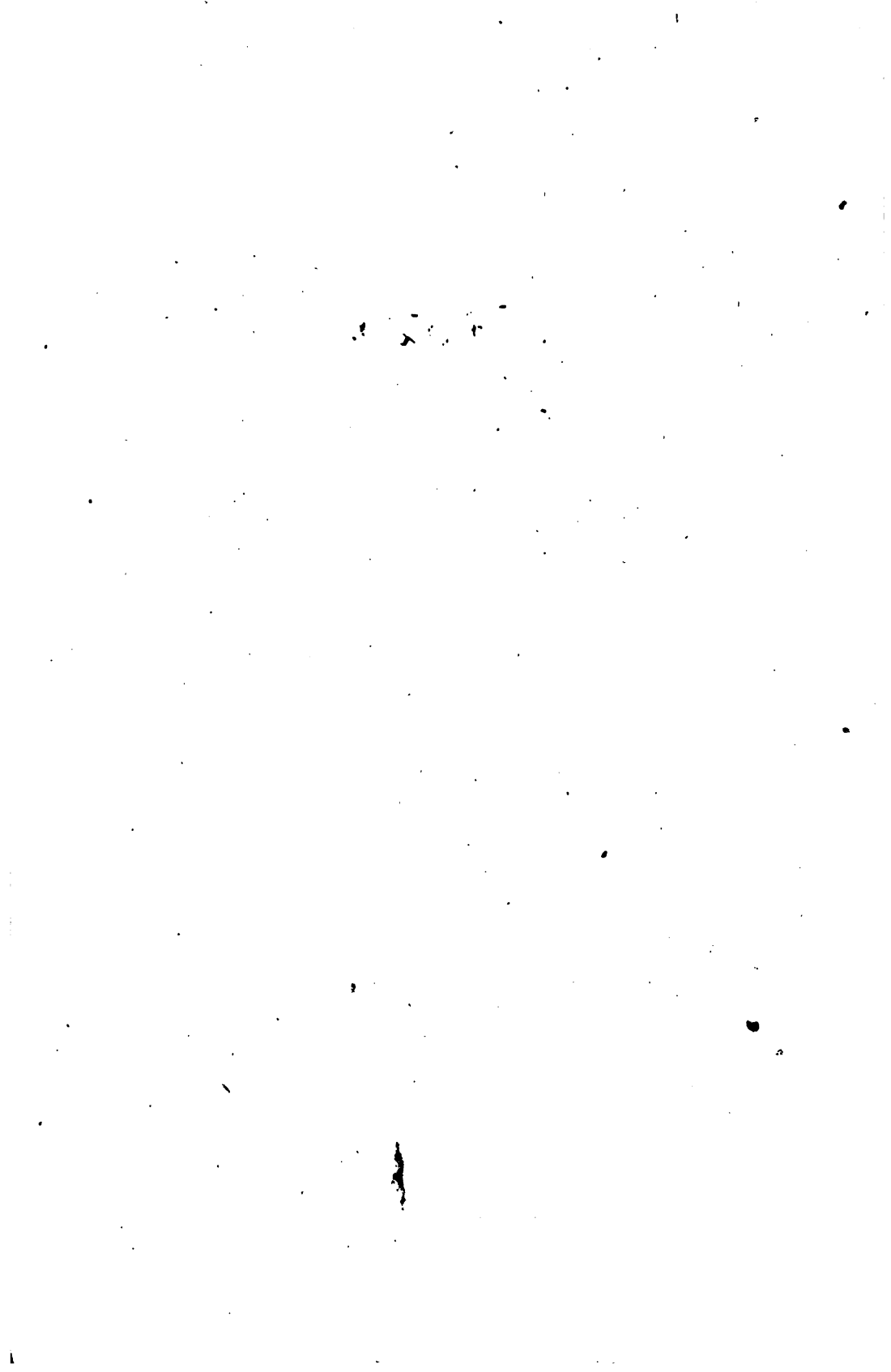
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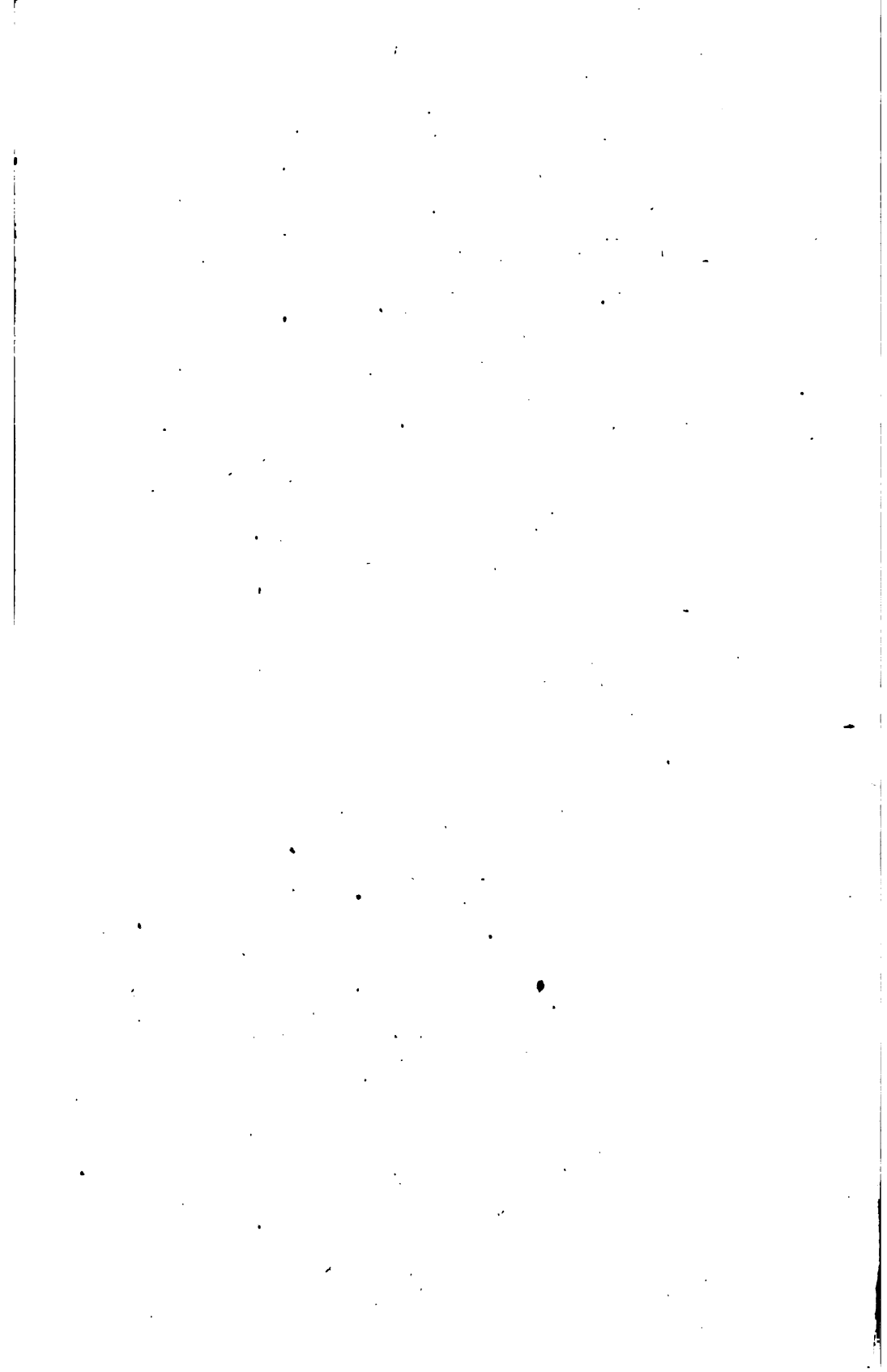
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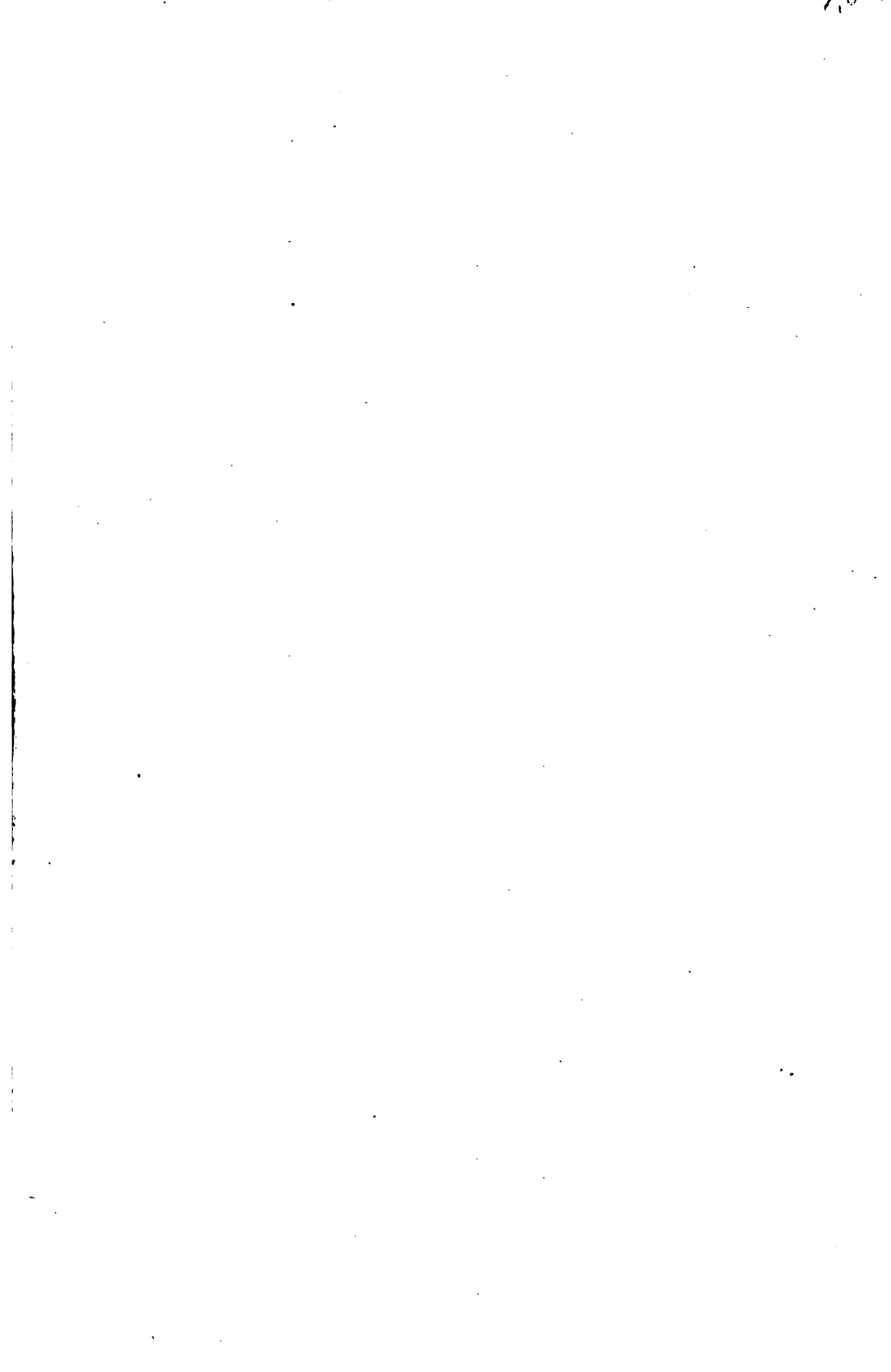
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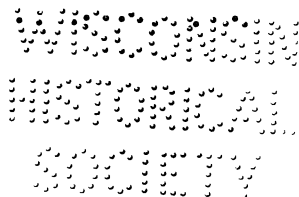
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OF
CAPTAIN ROSWELL PRESTON

OF
HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

His
Ancestry and Descendants

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LINE OF ANCESTRY
OF THE
PRESTON FAMILY

- I. ROGER, born 1614, had:
Thomas, Samuel, John, Jacob, Levi, Elizabeth, and Mary.
- II. SAMUEL, born 1651, had:
Samuel, William, Susanna, Mary, Jacob, Elizabeth, John,
Joseph, Ruth, Lydia, and Priscilla.
- III. JACOB, born 1681, had:
Jacob, Benjamin, William, Joseph, David, and John.
- IV. JACOB, born 1703, had:
Sarah, Jacob, Abiel, Eneas, Mary, Eunice, Hannah, and
Abraham.
- V. JACOB, born 1733, had:
Shubal, Jacob, Samuel, Charles, Sarah, Foster, Roswell,
Ambros, Mary (Polly), and Chloe.
- VI. ROSWELL, born 1771, had:
Chloe, Amanda, Alvah, Roswell, Mary, William, Jacob,
Julia-Ann, and Sabrina.
- VII. JACOB, born 1810, had:
Theodore, Edward, Marcus, Benjamin, Norman, Abner,
and Charles.
- VIII. EDWARD, born 1841, had:
- IX. MYERS ALBERT, born 1874.

PRESTON FAMILY.

The emigration of the Puritans to New England, which commenced with the sailing of the Mayflower in 1620, continued unabated until 1640, when the Puritan opposition to ecclesiastical tyranny in Old England became so aggressive that Charles I, after eleven years of despotic rule, was compelled to again summon a parliament. The Long Parliament enacted laws which were designed to suppress the tyranny of the Church of England and to limit the despotic power of the King. The enactment of those laws and the political revolution which followed, for a time, checked the tide of emigration. While it lasted, however, over twenty-five thousand Puritans had settled in America.

[1.] ROGER PRESTON was one of that number. He was born in England in 1614. In 1635, at the age of twenty one years, he took the oath of allegiance, in London, and sailed for America in the ship "Elizabeth and Ann." His name first appears on the records of the town of Ipswich, Mass., in 1639. His wife Martha, whom he married in 1642, was born 1622. Roger and Martha Preston were residents of Ipswich until 1657 when they moved to Salem, Mass., where Roger died 20 January, 1666. Martha, his widow, married (second), Nicholas Holt of Andover, and thereafter was a resident of Andover taking her sons, Samuel, John and Jacob Preston with her to her new home.

Martha (Preston) Holt died at Andover, 21 March, 1703, aged eighty years.

Roger and Martha Preston had five sons and two daughters.

Thomas, the oldest son, born 1643, married Rebecca Nurse, a daughter of the witchcraft martyr.

Jacob Preston, born in 1658, perished at sea, 1679.

Mary Preston married Nathaniel Ingersoll, and Elizabeth married William Henfield, both of Salem, Mass. Of Levi, little is known. John Preston was a soldier in the Narragansett war, 1670-1675. He

married Sarah (Gary) Holt and settled at Windham, Connecticut, where, on 18 Dec., 1727, he conveyed lands as follows:—

"I, John Preston, Sen., of Windham, sell to my cousin, John Preston Jun., of Windham, land granted me for serving his majesty in the expedition to Narragansett "under Capt. Gardner, I being then of Andover and called John Jun."

* [2.] SAMUEL², second son of Roger and Martha Preston, was born at Ipswich, 1651. He was a resident of Andover where he married (first) Susanna Gutterson, 27 May, 1671. Susanna died 29 Dec., 1710. Samuel married (second), 24 Sept., 1713, Mary (Rolandson) Blodgett, widow of John Blodgett.

Samuel Preston died at Andover 10 July, 1738, aged 87 years.

Samuel and Susanna Preston had five sons and six daughters born between the dates of 1672 and 1695. Their fifth child:—

* [3.] JACOB³ was born at Andover, Mass., 24 Feb., 1681. He married Sarah Wilson at Andover, 2 June, 1702. He remained in Andover until sometime between 1718 and 1723, when he moved to Connecticut and settled in that portion of Windham which is included in the present town of Hampton. On 23 October, 1723, he purchased lands from Robert Holt in Windham. He and his family remained in Windham until 1742 when he moved to the adjoining town of Ashford, where he doubtless passed the remainder of his days. He sold lands in Ashford to Jacob Preston Jr., in 1754 and 1756. He united with church in Andover, 31 Aug. 1718, transferred to Second Church in Windham, 17 Nov. 1723, thence to church in Ashford, 13 June, 1742.

While residing at Andover, Mass., Jacob and Sarah (Wilson) Preston had:—

4. I. JACOB, b. 1703; lived in Windham and Ashford.
5. II. BENJAMIN, b. 20 Aug., 1705; lived in Windham.
6. III. WILLIAM, b. 1711; lived in Windham, had 10 children.
7. IV. JOSEPH, bapt. 14 Sept., 1712; lived in Windham and elsewhere.
8. V. DAVID, b. —; lived in Windham, and Dover, N. Y.
9. VI. JOHN, b. 12 Jan., 1716; lived in Windham and Ashford.

These Preston families, while not the pioneers, were yet among the early settlers of Windham. Although settlements had been made

in the colony of Connecticut ninety years previous to their arrival, yet no permanent settlements had been made in Windham county for a period of fifty years after the first general court had convened in Hartford. This delay in colonization was due partly to the opposition of Governor Andros to the Charter-rights of the colonists and partly to the adverse and conflicting titles to the lands in that region. Governor John Winthrop had asserted his title to the territory under a deed executed as early as 1653, while Capt. James Fitch claimed ownership under a deed from the chief of the Mohegans conveying the hereditary title to the lands which were owned and occupied by his tribe of Indians. The general court of Connecticut had, at different times, recognized the validity of each of these titles. Those conflicting titles kept the first settlers at continual war with each other. Those who were accused of violence or misdemeanor were tried at the court in New London and, after conviction, were either fined, imprisoned or *whipped*. Among the first settlers in Windham county were thirteen colonists from Massachusetts who, in 1686, settled at Woodstock, on lands purchased from Fitch. After the departure of Andros, in 1689, which was followed by a restoration of the charter, a company of Massachusetts colonists [one of whom was Matthias Button of Haverhill, an ancestor of Lucy Witter Killam], settled on the Quinebaug lands east of the Appaquay or Little river, some taking title from Winthrop and others from Fitch. The original town of Windham was colonized by a company of sixteen gentlemen from Norwich, Conn., and adjacent towns, among whom was the Rev. James Fitch "the excellent minister of Norwich." Title to these lands was conveyed by a grant or deed executed by the Mohegan chief directly to the company. The boundaries of the tract commenced at the Appaquay meadow, at the head of Little river, extended southward eight miles and westward of Little river to the Willimantic river. The first house on this tract was built in 1689. On 18 May, 1691, the first town meeting was held. The township lines were run during the same year and conformed nearly with the boundaries of the original grant, embracing territory that has since been apportioned among the towns of Windham, Mansfield, Scotland and Hampton. After these transfers of title the lands were soon purchased and occupied by permanent settlers. The waters of the

Appaquay, or Little river were diverted into tail-races to furnish power for a grist-mill, a blacksmith shop, and later for wool mills and other industries. The blacksmith shop was furnished with a trip-hammer for the manufacture of scythes. Colonel Litchfield, from Southbridge, Mass., first manufactured shuttles from the wood of apple-trees, and afterward purchased the sawmill and, for a period of thirty years or more, furnished lumber and shingles for Windham and near-by towns.

When the Preston families arrived in Windham the land titles had become quieted, churches had been established and township organizations perfected in accordance with New England customs.

▷ [4.] JACOB⁴ Jr. (Jacob³, Samuel², Roger¹) accompanied his father to Windham in 1723, where he acquired lands previous to his marriage. [Andrew Foster and Mary Rees, married 7 June, 1662, resided at Andover, Mass., and had Abraham, born 25 May, 1677. He married Mary Johnson. They had: Sarah Foster, born at Andover, 1708.] *Family Return*

Jacob⁴ Preston Jr. and Sarah Foster were married at Andover, Mass., 21 Sept., 1730. They resided at Windham, where they had:—

10. I. SARAH, b. 20 Aug., 1731.
11. II. JACOB, b. 24 Feb., 1733; m. Mary Butt.
12. III. ABIEL, b. 1 April, 1735; had a family in Ashford.
13. IV. ENEAS, b. 7 June, 1737; had a family in Ashford.
14. V. MARY, b. 18 Aug., 1739.
15. VI. EUNICE, b. 20 July, 1741.
16. VII. HANNAH, b. 19 Aug., 1744.
17. VIII. ABRAHAM, b. 1 Jan., 1749; had a family in Ashford.

In the old north burying-ground at Hampton is an ancient tombstone inscribed as follows:—

"Sarah Preston y^e wife of Left. Jacob Preston, died April 14, 1751, aged 43."

Connecticut records state that Jacob Preston was "confirmed and established" a Lieutenant of the 6th Company of the 5th Regiment, Colonial militia in the month of May, 1751—about one month after the death of his wife, Sarah.

Lieut. Jacob⁴ Preston married (second) Mary Homes of Woodstock, Conn., 1 January, 1752. In 1754 he moved from Windham to Ashford

where he purchased lands from Jacob Preston (doubtless of his father) in 1754 and 1756. About ten years later he moved to Woodstock, the former home of his wife Mary. He transferred from Second church in Windham to church in Ashford, 29 March, 1756, thence to church in Woodstock 10 March, 1765. His wife Mary transferred from church in Woodstock to Second church in Windham, 5 July, 1752; thence to church in Ashford in 1759 and reunited with her church at Woodstock, 10 March, 1765.

[The line of Preston ancestry from Roger¹ to Jacob⁵ and copies of church records, were obtained through the courtesy of Charles H. Preston of Asylum Station, Massachusetts, who is now compiling "A Genealogy of the Preston Family in America."]

[11.] JACOB⁵ Preston, born in Windham, 24 Feb., 1733, and Mary Butt, born in Canterbury, 28 April, 1739 (see p. 42), were married in 1757 and resided on their farm in Ashford for more than twenty years. Their children were all born in Ashford. They had:—

18. I. SHUBAL, b. 20 Nov., 1758.
19. II. JACOB, b. 28 Oct., 1760.
20. III. SAMUEL, b. 9 Feb., 1763.
21. IV. CHARLES, b. 3 April, 1765.
22. V. SARAH, b. 18 May, 1767.
23. VI. FOSTER, b. 22 July, 1769.
24. VII. ROSWELL, b. 15 Sept., 1771.
25. VIII. AMBROS, b. 11 Aug., 1774; died at Hampton, 21 Nov., 1793.
26. IX. MARY (Polly), b. 23 June, 1776.
27. X. CHLOE, b. 12 March, 1780; d. at Hampton, 11 Nov., 1784.

Jacob⁵ and his wife Mary "owned the Covenant" and united with the Second church at Windham, 31 Oct., 1762. On the same day their sons, Shubal and Jacob were baptized in that church. Samuel was baptized 18 Sept., 1763; Charles, 8 June, 1765; and Sarah, 3 July, 1768,—all in Windham church. The younger children were baptized at the church in Ashford on dates as follows: Foster, 29 Oct., 1769; Roswell, 10 Nov., 1771; Mary, 10 Nov., 1776; and Chloe, 25 June, 1780.

This record of baptisms indicates that Jacob and his wife, Mary, maintained their church relations at Windham for years after they settled at Ashford. The old Second church at Hampton (formerly Windham), for which they manifested this preference, is associated with the religious services of our ancestors for more than a century. Jacob⁵ Preston of Andover united with it in 1723, and four generations of his descendants worshipped at its altar between that date and the year 1833, when the several families migrated westward. The present church edifice was erected in 1753. It is well preserved, and presents much the same external appearance as it did nearly a century and a half ago. The sounding-board, which once overhung the pulpit, and the high-backed, square pews, with doors, were removed a few years since, when the interior was remodeled, but the gallery still extends around three sides of the auditorium and the old pipe organ occupies its accustomed "loft" opposite the pulpit. The wood case of the organ is battered and worn, and its pipes are bent with age, but it is still used in church service and peals forth its joyful notes the same as it did when Captain Roswell Preston and Mehitable Knowlton were married in that old "meetinghouse," just one hundred years ago.

Lieut. Jacob⁵ Preston was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The official record of his enlistment is as follows:—

"CAPT. STONE'S COMPANY."

"Capt. Isaac Stone, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77)."

"Lieut. Peter Keith, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77)."

"Ensign Jacob Preston, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77)."

(See Connecticut Men in Revolutionary War, pp. 504 and 505.)

Capt. Stone's company formed a part of Col. Jonathan Latimer's Regiment in Gen. Poor's Brigade, and Arnold's Division of Gen. Gate's army, operating along the line of the Hudson river. Ensign Jacob⁵ Preston was the standard-bearer of his company and participated with it in the battle of Stillwater, 19 Sept., 1777, and in the battle of Saratoga, 9 Oct., 1777. It is recorded that, at the battle of Stillwater, the two regiments of Connecticut militia lost more men in killed and wounded than any other two regiments which participated in that battle. After the surrender of Burgoyne, on 17 Oct., 1777, the Connecticut regiments were honorably discharged from the





OLD CHURCH, HAMPTON, CONN.

service. Ensign Jacob Preston received his discharge 9 Nov., 1777. Family records state that he was also a Lieutenant in the local company of Minute men. The inscriptions on the tombstones at his grave and at the grave of his second wife, Mehitable, in the Bigelow cemetery both designate him as "Lieut. Jacob Preston," indicating that his title as Lieutenant was conferred by a military commission. This inference is confirmed by the fact that his commission as First Lieutenant was in the possession of his grand-son, Jacob⁷ Preston of Grass Lake, Mich., as late as 1868.

Old deeds now in possession of our family state that Lieut. Jacob Preston of Ashford, purchased from his father-in-law, Samuel Butt of Canterbury, on 29 Dec., 1780, a tract of ninety-one acres of land for £300. The deed recites that this tract comprised "the northerly part of the land on which I (Samuel Butt) now dwell." This tract was combined with other adjoining lands in the south-eastern part of Windham township and became a part of the old Preston farm. The date of the above transfer is the approximate time when Lieut. Jacob Preston, with his family, moved from Ashford and re-established his residence at Windham, the home of his boyhood. His farm was located in that portion of Windham, which, in 1786, was set off and organized into the new town of Hampton. Lieutenant Preston participated in the proceedings of organizing the town and, at the first town meeting held in Hampton, was elected to the office of Leather Sealer. Hampton is bounded on the north by Ashford, on the east by Pomfret and Brooklyn, on the south by Canterbury, and on the west by Windham. Little river flows southward through the central portion of the township. Above the dam on the river, half hidden among clumps of birch and elm-trees, is a beautiful little lake, or mill pond, which furnished power for the grist mill and other mechanical industries of the town. The hillsides on either side of the stream are divided into little fields and pastures, dotted with trees and fenced in by stone walls. On the summit of the hill to the eastward is located the Preston farm and homestead, now partly overgrown with forest-trees. The opposite hilltop, to the westward of the river, is occupied by the village of Hampton Hill, with its white, graceful church spire pointing heavenward. The village has but a single street which extends east and west, parallel with the river.

This street is ten rods wide and is covered, except in the road-way, by a compact green sod, which is regularly trimmed by lawn-mowers. It is lined on either side by a row of stately trees, beyond which are cottages and business houses in the midst of lawns and shrubbery. The village is two miles distant from the railroad station, and is but five miles from the wolf-den, which was rendered famous by old Israel Putnam. This picturesque little village presents much the same appearance that it presented when Captain Roswell Preston and his children were associated with its history over eighty years ago.

Mary Butt, wife of Lieut. Jacob Preston, died at Hampton, 18 April, 1795.

Jacob⁶ married (second) Mehitable, widow of William Knowlton, Jr., of Ashford, 25 Jan., 1798. She was daughter of Ann Eaton, the household physician of Ashford, and was mother of Mehitable Knowlton, who became the wife of Roswell Preston Sr.

On 9 March, 1797, Lieut. Jacob sold his farm to his two sons, Roswell and Charles, jointly, receiving from them a life lease of the premises.

Lieut. Jacob Preston died 5 Nov., 1806.

Mehitable, his widow, was transferred from church in Ashford to Second church in Hampton, 1798. She died 29 March, 1826, at the residence of Capt. Roswell Preston.

[18.] SHUBAL⁶ PRESTON enlisted as a private in Capt. Marcy's company in 1776, and participated in the battles of Flatbush Pass and White Plains. He was a member of Capt. Hill's Co. in 1778-9, a "lister" in Hampton, 1817, and a Revolutionary pensioner at Homer, N. Y., in 1833.

[19.] JACOB⁶ PRESTON Jr., was a private in Capt. Durkee's Co., 1782-3, owned land adjoining his father's farm in Hampton, 1789, and was a resident of Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1792.

[20.] SAMUEL⁶ PRESTON married Louisa Abbott and emigrated to New York State previous to 1800. He had a large family and a long line of descendants.

[See "Preston Families in America," by C. H. Preston.]

[21.] CHARLES⁶ PRESTON sold his interest in his father's homestead 20 Sept., 1797, and emigrated to Goshen, Vt., with his wife and three children. In 1831 his son, Nathaniel, was the only surviving member of his family.

[23.] FOSTER⁶ PRESTON married in Hampton, and resided at Woodstock, 1806.

[26.] MARY (POLLY)⁶ PRESTON married Zephaniah Hicks 15 Jan., 1801, settled at Homer, N. Y. Had: Emily, b. 12 July, 1804, m. Silas Holt; Bowen, b. 21 Oct., 1807; Ambrose Preston, b. 10 Nov., 1810.

Mary (Preston) Hicks died at Homer, N. Y., 10 Nov., 1810.

[For Zephaniah Hick's second marriage, see p. 34.]

[24.] ROSWELL⁶ PRESTON and Mehitabel Knowlton were married at the "meeting-house" on Hampton Hill, 18 Oct., 1798. They resided at Hampton, where they had:—

28. I. CHLOE, b. 19 July, 1799; m. Nathan Kendall; d. 11 Nov., 1841.

29. II. AMANDA, b. 8 March, 1801; m. Edward Litchfield; d. 20 May, 1851.

30. III. ALVAH, b. 17 Nov., 1802; m. Olive Litchfield; d. 16 May, 1862.

31. IV. ROSWELL JR., b. 2 Oct., 1804; m. Frances Hurlburt; d. 28 March, 1877.

32. V. MARY, b. 6 July, 1806; m. Edmond Comins; d. 26 July, 1833.

33. VI. WILLIAM, b. 19 Aug., 1808; m. Angeline Raymond; d. 29 April, 1882.

34. VII. JACOB, b. 2 May, 1810; m. Lucy W. Killam and others; d. 30 Sept. 1881.

35. VIII. JULIA ANN, b. 22 Aug., 1812; m. David C. Raymond; d. 21 March, 1883.

36. IX. SABRINA, b. 8 June, 1815; m. Richard Ayers; d. 28 March, 1898.

Roswell⁶ Sr., and his brother Charles, jointly, purchased the Preston homestead at Hampton, from their father, Lieut. Jacob⁵

Preston, in March, 1797. In September of the same year Roswell purchased his brother Charles' interest, and thereafter became the sole owner of the premises. The land contained so many loose stones and boulders that all of the fields, except one, were fenced by stone walls. The small field bordering on Little river was, and still is, inclosed by an old-style rail fence. The farm was divided into fields of from four to ten acres each. The quality of the land is indicated by Captain Roswell's tax list for 1813, of which the following is a copy:—

"TAX LIST. One head. Four oxen, ten cows, five two-year-olds, three horses, one yearling colt, thirteen acres of plow land, thirty acres of English mowing and clear pasture, ten acres of hard-meadow, ten acres of bog-meadow, sixty acres of brush pasture, forty acres of wood-land, second rate, two fire-places, one wooden-wheeled clock and twenty sheep sheared."

From the several tax lists recorded by Captain Preston, which are similar to the foregoing, it appears that taxes were not, at that time, levied on farm implements, vehicles, cider mills, flax machinery, spinning wheels, looms or buildings.

This list is copied from Capt. Roswell Preston's account book, which is still in existence and is well preserved. This book records his business transactions for a third of a century, beginning in 1798 and ending in April, 1832. The entries are made on debit and credit pages, and number nearly six thousand separate items. When the accounts were balanced at the end of a year, or of a period of years, it is found that there is but a small balance due either party, indicating that business consisted almost wholly of barter. Frequently, in balancing accounts, each party signed his name to an acknowledgment at the end of the account. Values were expressed in pounds, shillings and pence until about 1818, after which date dollars and cents were used as the standards of value.

A record so carefully kept cannot fail to reveal an interesting history of the industries and economies of that household and farm. The following items are copied and classified from various accounts from the beginning to the end of the record.

PURCHASES.

"One loom (for weaving) £2, 8s., one bellows 4s. 6d., one ox-yoke 4s. 6d., nine lbs. cod-fish 3s. 3d., two shad 2s. 6d., three lbs. sugar 3s. 7d., one fur hat £1, 4s., one

pair shoes 9s., one feather for training (in militia) 3s., one pair suspenders 2s. 6d., one portmanteau 12s., making one trunk 6s., one harness \$7.80, mending side-saddle 6s., one qt. high wines 1s. 6d., 12½ gals. brandy £1, 8s. 5d., one gal. rum 8s., one gal. West India rum 7s. 6d., two qts. cider brandy 1s. 6d., six chestnut cider barrels £1, 11s. 6d., 400 barrel staves £1, 8s., ½ lb. tea 3s. 6d., 2 skeins silk 8d., 1½ yds. ribbon 1s., button-moulds 1s., 1 peck seed corn 1s. 9d., 2 scythes 9s., 1 lb. tobacco 1s. 6d., ½ oz. snuff 9d., 10 lbs. flax 10s., 1 bush. fine salt 12s. 6d."

SALES.

"Eight bush. potatoes 18s., 1 peck seed corn 1s. 9d., 4 bushels turnips 1s. 1d., 3 bush. russet apples 5s. 10d., 2 bush. sweet apples 2s., 1 bush. quinces 1s., 2 bush. rye 7s., 8 bush. oats £1, 4s., 8 bush. corn £2, 2s., 1 bush. beans 4s. 6d., 1 bush. buckwheat 50 cts., 1 peck red-top seed 2s. 9d., 5½ lbs. clover seed 13s., ½ bush. Indian meal 7s. 6d., 7 lbs. wheat flour 2s. 4d., 300 lbs. English hay 9s., 1 lb. honey 1s., 1 lb. candles 1s., 1 bbl. soap £1, 8s. 6d., 1 sheep-skin 4s., 1 leather apron 2s. 6d., 1 pr. ox-bows 1s. 3d., 5 lbs. tobacco 3s. 9d., 6 lbs. flax 7s. 2d., 7 lbs. mutton 2s. 4d., 6 lbs. salt pork 5s., 13 lbs. beef 5s. 3d., 406 lbs. cheese £9, 14s. 11d., 2 lbs. butter 1s. 10d., 12 lbs. skimmed cheese 3s., 2 qts. brandy 3s., 1 qt. wine 2s. 3d., 2 qts. rum 3s., 1 gal. vinegar 9d., 3 sheep £1, 13s., 2 two-year-old heifers \$10, 2 choates, w't 202 lbs. £2, 8s., 1 load wood 4s. 6d., 4 cords birch wood for coal £3, 1s., 7 bush. ashes 5s. 3d., 19½ feet tan-bark £3, 7s. 6d., 800 bricks \$4, 100 mulberry trees \$5, 100 bush. coal \$5, 95 bbls. cider £23, 17s. 2d., 13 oz. hetchelled flax 1s.,

Rope-walk. To making 5 lbs. well-rope 2s. 9d., chalk line 1s., bed-cord 2s., draw-ropes 2s. 6d., loom-cord 1s. 6d., halter 3s. drum-cord 1s.

Flax. To 1 day pulling flax 3s., breaking 80 bundles flax 12s., 1 day hetchelling flax 4s., 1 day swingeling flax 3s."

FARM LABOR.

Laborers, when employed by the year, were paid from \$7.50 to \$9 per month; when employed for the summer season, only, \$11 per month. Their pay was mostly in various commodities named above and in home-made clothing of home-spun cloth. Ordinary laborers received from 2s. 6d. to 4s. per day. For haying and harvesting, 6s. per day. Among the sources of income from farm labor were the following:—

"To threshing 4½ bush. of rye 2s. 6d., setting 12 barrel hoops 3s., making 277 shingles 2s. 6d., making horse-plow 7s. 6d., setting cart spokes 2s. 6d., grinding new scythe 1s. 6., 1 day grafting apple trees \$1, making cart body 12s. 6d., making 1½ bbls. soap 12s., 2 days laying stone wall 10s., 1 day reaving staves 2s. 6d., making 2000 shingles \$2, making plow-shear and wooden mould-board 7s., making leather apron 2s. 6d., tapping and capping boots 4s. 6d., use of harrow 1 day 1s. 6d., use of Dutch plow 1 day 1s. 6d., making 16 bbls. cider at mill 6s. 8d."

Income from domestic industries:—

"Spinning 7 run and 16 knots of warp 5s. 2d., weaving 6 yds. toe-cloth 12s., weaving 6 yds. white toe-cloth 12s., weaving 7½ yds. cotton shirting 18s., weaving 80½ yds. factory-cloth £1, 9s., weaving handkerchiefs 6s., weaving 18 yds. wool-cloth 9s., to footing a pair of stockings 3s. 7d., making great coat 8s., making 2 shirts 3s., making toe shirts 1s., making frock 1s., making 2 pr. trousers 2s., making all-wool jacket 6s. 7d.

Sales. To 6 yds. toe-cloth 12s., 6½ yds. all-wool cloth £2, 16s. 3d., 1½ yds. broad-cloth £9, 3s., 7 yds. shirting 14s., 2½ yds. brown toe-cloth 4s. 4d., 1 toe shirt 2s. 6d., 3 sticks twist 2s. 6d., 2 skeins silk \$0.08, three knots thread \$0.08, 7 yds. flannel shirting \$5.25."

HORSE-HIRE.

"Mare and shay to Scotland 2s., old mare 6s., and young mare 1s. 6d., to ride in troop at Wookstock, mare to Boston at 4c per mile 18s., mare to Windham 2s. 6d., to Plainfield 2s., to Brooklyn 5 miles 1s. 3d., to Killingly 3s., horse and sleigh to Providence 2s. 6d., sleigh to take Mr. Sprague to meeting-house 9d."

NATHAN ALLEN'S STILL.

"To carting 4 bbls. cider to Allen's still 18s., to mare to carry still to Allen's 1s. 6d., carrying Allen's still to Stonington with one cask brandy £1, 1s., carting 9½ bbls. cider-brandy from Allen's still to Norwich £1, 10s."

To prevent unjust inference from these references to rum and brandy, it should be remembered that while such items appear in most of the accounts, yet the purchases were so infrequent and usually in such small quantities as to warrant the inference that they were ordinarily used for medical purposes. The cider-mill, however, was a regular source of income. The same is true of the spinning-wheel, the loom and the implements for the manufacture of the fibre of flax.

FREIGHTING.

As there were no railroads in those days the best means by which the producer could send his commodities to distant markets was to employ teams to haul his freight to the nearest point for water transportation. Freightng by team was then a thriving industry and the quaint old way-side inns were popular resorts that furnished "refreshment for man and beast." For the producers at Hampton there were two markets: the city of Providence and the town of Norwich. Providence is thirty-six miles distant to the eastward, and was seldom frequented. Norwich is due south eighteen miles distant

and is located at the head of navigation on the Thames river. There are frequent entries, in the old account book, of freight to and from Norwich, ranging from "2 bushels of corn at 1s. 6d." to "4400 lbs. freight at £2, 14s." Among these items are the following: "Taking cheese and bringing tobacco £1, 4s., taking poultry and bringing 36 bbls. salt £1, 18s., taking 19 bushels flax-seed and bringing 1 bbl. tallow 13s. 7., taking 19 bundles paper and bringing 1 hogshead sugar £1, 12s., carting boxes of hats 2000 lbs. weight from L. D. Leach to Norwich \$5.

The following, copied from pages 36 and 37, relates to Ann (Woodcock) Eaton, the grandmother of his wife:—

"W ^d Ann Eaton came here to live January 8th, 1806, at four shillings per week	
January 8th, 1807, W ^d Ann Eaton	Dr.
to her board, washing, etc., at 4s. per week	£10, 8s.
Sept. 12th to her board, washing and nursing 32 weeks at 6s. per week	£9, 12s.
to 1 gallon wine and Extra trouble	18s.
Sept. 29, 1807, the estate of W ^d Ann Eaton to Roswell Preston	Dr.
paid to David Fox and James Sprage for appraising her estate	8s.
my time and trouble	18s.
March 2d, 1810, to one pare grave Stones \$9 }	
fetching and Setting up \$1 }	£3
Contra by W ^d Ann Eaton	
January 4th, 1807, by 30 Dollars	£9
March 17th, 1807, by nine Dollars in Cash	£2, 4s.

On page 77 is an account with his wife's mother, who was also his step-mother. It is as follows:—

"August 8th, 1810, W ^d Mehitable Preston	Dr.
to Cash five Dollars	£1, 10
July to 12 Dollars Cash	£3, 12
to Cash fifteen dollars	£4, 10
October 10th 1815 cash five dollars paid to Mrs. Apider	£1, 10
August 10th 1816 to cash five dollars	£1, 10
to 18 yds toe cloth at 2s., 3d.	£2, 0, 6
January 8th 1819 cash nine Dollars."	

An account on pages 175 and 176 reads:—

"Town of Hampton	Dr.
April 10th 1817 took John Butt and famaly viz— himself wife and Nabby at three dollars & Eighty three cts or twenty three shillings per week—	
Credit	
April 10 1817 by the town of Hampton	\$ cts
by pork 35 lbs at 9d	4 37
by 14 lbs of Bacon at 9d	1 75
by 4 lb of dried Beef at 9d	50"

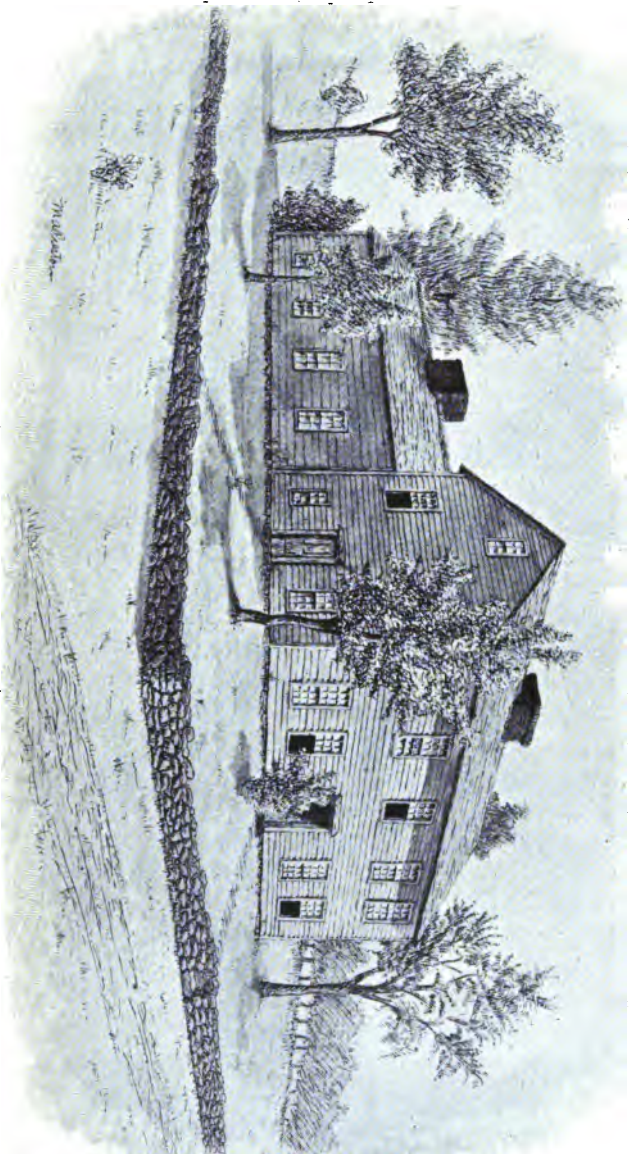
John Butt was a brother of Captain Preston's mother. He was a Revolutionary soldier and, at this time, was 73 years of age. His account with Captain Preston extended from 1802 until 1818, and was settled until about 1814, after which time there were no credits.

Deacon Samuel Butt, brother to John, was also a soldier. The account with him extends from 1813 to 1817 and indicates that the deacon was a brick-maker. Luther Butt worked on the coal-pit 1 Jan., 1808. These are the last traces that I have been able to find of any person in the male line of descent from the Butt ancestry.

There are accounts, also, with Foster Preston, a dealer in staves at Woodstock, Capt. Roswell Eaton, the blacksmith at Mansfield, Charles C. Button the harnessmaker at Norwich, and Josiah Witter of Brooklyn. The foregoing include all of the names that I find in the record that are in any way related to the Preston family.

On 22 May, 1801, Governor Trumbull of Connecticut issued to Roswell⁶Preston a commission as Captain of the 5th company of the 5th regiment of Connecticut Militia. For years thereafter Captain Preston was in command of this company, instructing his men in military tactics and officiating as master of ceremonies on occasions of the annual muster for inspection and drill.

Captain Preston's hospitable home was family headquarters. The old dwelling was a long, red building, but one story in height. A broad open fire place, surmounted by a massive chimney occupied a liberal share of one side of the living room. Swinging from one side of the fireplace was a long iron crane from which hung the pots and kettles in which were cooked the food for five or six generations of the Preston family. Near the kitchen door was a well curb from which an oaken bucket was lowered through a round hole in the center of the broad flag stone which formed the top of the well. Beside the well was an oblong stone hollowed out in the form of a tray which served as the family wash basin. North of the well, near the corner of the house, was an old pear-tree. Mehitable, widow of Captain Roswell Preston, stated that this tree was planted there by the hands of a Preston and that it was one hundred years old when she immigrated to Michigan in 1833. A "Dutch oven," built of brick, occupied a place near the well and was



DRAWN BY M. A. PRESTON FROM DESCRIPTION

PRESTON HOMESTEAD, HAMPTON, CONN.

used for baking the family bread and pastry. In 1814 Captain Preston built a large addition to his dwelling. The new house was two stories in height with an attic. The carpenter work cost \$220 and the nails \$23.27. Among the latter were 58½ lbs. wrought ten-penny nails at 13 cents per pound.

The rooms on the ground floor were warmed by two fireplaces set on opposite sides of a large stone chimney whose massive foundations occupied a liberal space of the walled cellar beneath the building. The old house was continued in use as the family kitchen and workshop.

The farm buildings were across the lane to the westward from the dwelling house. They consisted of a large barn, a separate building used as a granary and hog house, which was supplied with a caldron kettle set in a furnace; a smaller building containing the cider-mill and still, and two long sheds for the shelter of the live stock. The description and location of these buildings were furnished by S. G. Holt, an old gentleman residing at Hampton Hill, who accompanied me on my visit to the site of the old homestead in 1897. He was the school-mate and play-fellow of Captain Preston's boys. From him I gathered many interesting reminiscences of the old homestead and its occupants. He characterized "Cap'n Presson" as a man of soldierly bearing, dignified yet affable and hospitable, who took an active part in promoting the welfare of the community and of the public schools. He assured me that the farm buildings were always kept in good repair, that the fences and roadway were kept free from brush and always presented a tidy and well-kept appearance. On our way from Hampton villiage to the homestead, we passed the Bigelow school house, where Mr. Holt and "Cap'n Presson's" boys attended school. The building stands by the roadside. It is of brick, is fairly well preserved, and is still used for school purposes. Just below the school house we passed over the "Preston Bridge" which spans Little River, and ascended the hill, past the "little field with a rail fence," along the old road, now partly overgrown by young birch trees, to the deserted farm on top of the hill. We found no buildings on the premises. They had all been torn down or moved away. The present owner informed us that he had received thirty-five dollars from the sale of the stones from the

fireplace and chimney of the new house which was built by Capt. Roswell Preston.

The stone walls of the cellar, the remnant of the old chimney with its massive foundations, the stone steps at the front of the house, and the perforated flagstone which still covers the top of the well, with the broken stone wash-basin lying beside it, were all that remained to mark the location of that old New England home. The old pear-tree had been blown down by a gust of wind a few years before. The present owner, however, pointed out the location of the stump, beside which we found the decayed remnants of the trunk of the tree, from which I secured a small piece of sound wood. A number of apple-trees were still standing in the orchard, but they present every appearance of age and neglect. From the rubbish of the buildings I recovered the old crane which once hung in the kitchen fireplace, gathered a few wrought nails and secured some chips from the stone facing to the fireplace which are preserved as mementos of the days of old.

On the 8th of January, 1832, Captain Roswell Preston sold to Mason Cleveland for \$2500 his farm, consisting of two hundred acres of land lying partly in Hampton and partly in Brooklyn, described as the land "which I now live upon and which is all I own in said towns." He immediately began closing up his business affairs preparatory to starting west in search of a new location for a home. Previous to this sale four of his children had married. Two of the young families had already gone west, — Alvah and his wife locating at Ann Arbor in Michigan territory. In June, 1832, Captain Preston and his son Roswell Jr., who had recently returned from Ohio, started on horse-back for Michigan, the father carrying his money in a belt around his waist.

The journey was uneventful until they reached the Denyke tavern, on the road between Detroit and Ann Arbor. That house was known to be a resort of hard characters, but Captain Preston and his son arrived there so late in the day that they were compelled to remain at the tavern during the night. Upon retiring, father and son occupied the same bed. Before retiring a huge knife was driven into the door casing, as an improvised lock, to prevent burglars from entering. During the night they heard some one trying to force the door, and

prepared for emergencies. The door, however, remained immovable, but at daylight on the following morning, the knife blade in the door was found to have been bent by the efforts of the burglars to enter the room. They resumed their journey at an early hour and arrived at Alvah Preston's residence in Ann Arbor without further adventure. After resting a few days Captain Preston proceeded on a tour of inspection of government lands and finally located a 240 acre tract on the north half of section eight, in the township of Freedom, county of Washtenaw, being about fifteen miles west from Ann Arbor. At that time there were but five families in the township, the first settlers having arrived during the preceding year. The unbroken forest was tenanted by Indians and wild beasts. Indian corn was growing on the land when Capt. Preston made his location. After building a commodious log house and clearing the forest from about his dwelling, Captain Preston returned to Hampton, Connecticut, and passed the winter in closing up his business affairs, and in making preparations to return with his family to their new home in the forest wilds of Michigan. Their westward journey began in May, 1833. The party consisted of Capt. Roswell Preston and wife, their sons William and Jacob, their daughter Sabrina and their married daughter Amanda, accompanied by her husband, Lieut. Edward Litchfield, and their five small children; twelve persons in all. The party proceeded to Norwich, Conn., where they embarked on a boat and sailed down the Thames river and along Long Island sound to New York City, thence by steamer up the Hudson to Albany, where they boarded a canal boat and were thus transported to Buffalo. They crossed Lake Erie by steamship, which landed them at Detroit. They then completed the journey in wagons. On arriving at their destination they found a number of other families in the neighborhood. One of these was that of David Raymond, two members of which afterwards married into the Preston family. Before the winter season arrived all of the adjacent lands were located and occupied. During the following year, 1834, the township was named and organized. Captain Preston was its first Justice of the Peace. His commission was from Gov. G. R. Porter, and was dated March 7, 1834.

During this first year in the territory the pioneers suffered many hardships and privations. Their lands had to be cleared of forest and

fenced. Crops could be planted only among the stumps and rocks. Provisions were scarce. Some families suffered from lack of provisions, others from sickness. Wolves and bears were numerous, bold and fierce. They often entered the farm yards at night, killing calves, sheep and pigs. At the Raymond place the wolves killed twenty sheep in a single night within one hundred yards of the dwelling. Dogs were frequently chased by wolves to the very doors of the dwellings.

[See History of Township of Freedom, by Jacob Preston]

On the 10 January, 1835, Captain Roswell Preston and his wife Mehitable sold their farm of 320 acres to their sons William and Jacob for the sum of \$1000, retaining for themselves, however, a life lease of the premises. This lease stipulated, among other conditions, that Jacob and William Preston—

“shall pay unto Alvah and Roswell Preston Jr., and to Julia Ann and Sabrina Preston
“an annuity of twenty-five dollars each for the term of six years, commencing the
“payment of said annuity on the first day of January, A. D. 1840. Also to Chloe
“Kendall the sum of thirty dollars to be paid the first day of January, 1847, and to
“Ann Jeannette Comins the sum of thirty dollars to be paid on the first day of
“January, 1848.”

[See page 83 of Book G. of Deeds, Ann Arbor, 23 Dec., 1835.]

Capt. Roswell Preston died 16 July, 1836, aged 65 years. His widow, Mehitable, survived him for a period of eighteen years. Among her reminiscences of her childhood at Ashford she stated that she had once picked an apple on Sunday, but was forbidden to eat it because she had violated the sanctity of the Sabbath. She often referred with pride to the military achievements of her kindred, in the Knowlton family, and told amusing anecdotes of the old “blue-laws” of Connecticut. During her last years she was a cripple, having broken her hip joint. She died 27 Nov., 1854, aged 80 years.

[28.] CHLOE⁷ PRESTON and Nathan Kendall were married at Hampton, Conn., 19 Nov., 1823. In 1827 they moved from Connecticut to Otsego Co., N. Y., where they remained until 1836, when they settled at Waterloo, Jackson Co., Mich.

Chloe (Preston) Kendall died at Waterloo, 11 Nov., 1841. Her husband, Nathan Kendall, died at Sharon, Mich., 20 May, 1861.

Nathan and Chloe (Preston) Kendall had:—

37. I. MARY ANN, b. in Conn., 11 Sept., 1824; m. Gilbert Edwin States, 22 Sept., 1850; died at Manchester, Mich., — — —

38. II. CAROLINE, b. 1 Nov., 1825, in Conn.; died at Sharon, 19 Sept., 1854; unmarried.

39. III. CORNELIA, b. 11 Feb., 1827, in Conn.; m. George Peckens, 2 Sept., 1852; resides in Sharon, Mich.

40. IV. HARRIET, b. 21 July, 1828, at Otsego, N. Y.; resides in Mich.; unmarried.

41. V. PRESTON NATHAN, b. 1 Dec., 1829, at Otsego, N. Y.; d. at Waterloo, 29 June, 1848.

42. VI. CHARLES, b. 24 Jan., 1835, at Otsego, N. Y.; is unmarried and resides in Michigan.

[29.] AMANDA⁷ PRESTON, born at Hampton, 8 March, 1801, and Lieut. Edward Litchfield, born at Brooklyn, Conn., 12 March, 1799, were married at Hampton, 28 March, 1821. They had:—

43. I. WILLIAM ROYAL LITCHFIELD, b. at Hampton, 22 July, 1822; m. Esther Cook; d. at Santa Cruz, Cal., 30 April, 1892.

44. II. ALVAH PRESTON LITCHFIELD, b. at Hampton, 1 Oct., 1824; m. Almira Boyd; d. at Dexter, Mich., 30 May, 1887.

45. III. OLIVE LITCHFIELD, b. in N. Y. State, 14 July, 1826; m. William Dickinson, 10 June, 1851; resides at Dearborn, Mich.

46. IV. MARY LITCHFIELD, b. in N. Y. State, 6 May, 1828; m. Marvin Cadwell at Dexter, Mich., 15 Aug., 1852; resides at Detroit, Mich.

47. V. FOSTER LITCHFIELD, b. 18 June, 1830, on Fuller's farm at Hampton, Conn.; m. Lucy Smith, 30 Nov., 1853; resides near Dexter, Mich.

48. VI. ELIAS LITCHFIELD, b. at Freedom, Mich., 21 Dec., 1834; m. Emaline Cadwell, 1 Jan., 1857; resides at Jackson, Mich.

49. VII. DE FOREST M. LITCHFIELD, b. at Freedom, 14 March, 1839; m. Emma Bates, 10 Jan., 1866; resides at Dexter, Mich.

Lieut. Edward Litchfield was a son of Daniel and Olive (Pierce) Litchfield of Brooklyn, Conn. He emigrated with his family to New

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York State in 1826, and was there commissioned First Lieut. of a company in the 5th Reg't, N. Y. militia. He moved back to Connecticut in 1830, and settled on the old Fuller farm. In 1833, in company with Capt. Roswell Preston's household, he emigrated to Michigan, and settled on a tract of land two miles to the eastward of Capt. Preston's — a part of which land had been presented to him by his wife's father, Capt. Roswell Preston. He remained there and prospered until 1850, when he sold out and bought another farm to the eastward from Dexter, Mich.

Amanda (Preston) Litchfield died 20 May, 1851.

Lieut. Edward Litchfield died 31 July, 1880.

[43.] WILLIAM R. LITCHFIELD and Esther Cook were married at Ann Arbor, Mich., 30 Dec., 1846. They resided first at Lima, Mich., where they had:—

Olive Amanda, b. 22 Dec., 1847; m. B. S. Jones.

William went to California in 1852. After revisiting Michigan he returned to California accompanied by his family in 1858. They lived for a time among the hydraulic mines at Moore's Flat, subsequently at Nevada City and finally at Santa Cruz, Cal., where William died 30 April, 1892. His widow and daughter are now residents of San Francisco, Cal.

Olive Amanda Litchfield was married at Gold Hill, Nevada, to Byron S. Jones 15 July, 1874.

They had William, b. 23 Feb., 1877.

[44.] ALVAH PRESTON LITCHFIELD succeeded his father in the ownership of the Litchfield farm near Dexter, and was, in turn, succeeded by his son, Albert Litchfield, who married Mary, the adopted daughter of Jacob⁷ and Charlotte C. Preston 1 May, 1884.

[For a more extended account of this family see "Litchfield Genealogy."]

[49.] DE FOREST M. LITCHFIELD, during early manhood, was an engineer among the oil fields of Pennsylvania. On 6 July, 1861, he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in Co. F of Pennsylvania Reserve Corps of U. S. Volunteers and went immediately to the front with McClellan's army. His first experience in battle was at Dranes-

ville, 20 Dec., 1861, which lasted about an hour and resulted in a Union victory. He participated in a fierce engagement with the enemy at Catalet Station in May, 1862. During the battle of Chica-mauga on June 20 he participated in the encounter at Savage's Station. At the battle of Malvern Hill on 30 June, 1862, which lasted from dawn until dark, he was shot through both thighs by a minie bullet, which broke one of his thigh bones. He lay on the battlefield until night, when his comrades carried him to the field hospital. Before morning McClellan's army had retreated leaving the wounded as prisoners of war in the lines of the Confederates. After vexatious delays and great suffering he was finally transferred to the Libby Prison, where he was placed on a bunk on the floor of the upper story of the building. Although suffering from painful wounds he had neither surgical nor medical care, and was wholly dependent on his comrades for such scant care as he received. On Oct. 15, 1862, he, with many of his surviving comrades, was transported to the James River and paroled, and finally returned to his father's home in Michigan.

[30.] ALVAH⁷ PRESTON, born at Hampton, 17 Nov., 1802, and Olive, daughter of Daniel and Olive (Pierce) Litchfield, born at Brooklyn, Conn., 16 Sept., 1807, were married at Brooklyn, 18 Aug., 1830, and emigrated to Michigan Territory. They resided, first at the village of Ann Arbor, and had:

50. I. JAMES⁸ ALVAH, born at Ann Arbor, 26 Dec., 1831.

51. II. JOHN⁸ LITCHFIELD, born at Pittsfield, 3 Jan., 1836. John⁸ enlisted in the Union army for three years, or during the war, in 1861, being appointed as corporal in Company B of Col. Rankin's First Regiment of Lancers, Michigan Volunteers. He died 16 Jan., 1862, of congestion of the lungs, while the troops were stationed at Detroit.

Alvah⁷ Preston purchased a farm in the township of Pittsfield, a few miles south from Ann Arbor, in 1832, and resided there until 1837, when he sold out and purchased a farm at Cohoctah, Livingston county, Mich. His wife, Olive, died at Cohoctah, 30 Sept., 1846. He married (second) Rachael Houghtaling, 1 Dec., 1847.

Alvah⁷ died at Cohoctah, 16 May, 1862.

[50.] JAMES⁸ ALVAH PRESTON and Sarah Jane Clarity, born at Geneva, Ontario Co., N. Y., 4 June, 1836, were married at Owasso, Mich., 22 Feb., 1860. They had:

52. I. JOHN RILEY, b. 12 Sept., 1863, at Cohoctah.

53. II. JAMES FRED, b. 1 May, 1865, at Cohoctah.

54. III. BELLE, b. 2 April, 1872, at Howell, Mich.

James A.⁸ Preston resided at Corunna, Mich., until after the death of his father in 1862, when he moved to the family homestead at Cohoctah, where he remained until 1870. He resided at Howell for a number of years and is at present a resident of Detroit, dividing his time between his home at Detroit and his farm at Cohoctah.

[52.] JOHN⁹ R. PRESTON is a commercial traveler and resides at Detroit, Mich., where he was married to Adelaide C. Vente, 27 June, 1894. Adelaide was born at Detroit, 28 Dec., 1863.

[31.] ROSWELL⁷ PRESTON, JR., married Frances Hurlbert 8 March, 1837, at the residence of the bride's father, Asa Hurlbert, in the township of Lima, Mich. Frances was born at East Haddan, Conn., 2 April, 1817. Roswell and Frances Preston had:

55. I. MARY E., b. 11 Sept., 1838; died 22 March, 1895; unmarried.

56. II. CYNTHIA M., b. 26 Oct., 1840; m. Henry Shier; resides at Kipp, Saline Co., Kansas.

57. III. HENRY⁸ H., b. 28 May, 1843; unmarried.

58. IV. CHARLOTTE A., b. 2 March, 1846; died 25 Nov., 1871; unmarried.

59. V. ANGELINE A., b. 30 Aug., 1848; d. 8 June, 1895; unmarried.

60. VI. ADELAIDE J., b. 8 June, 1851; m. Henry M. Blair, resides at Kipp, Kansas.

61. VIII. FLORA J., b. 4 Jan., 1856; d. 30 Oct., 1880; unmarried.

Roswell⁷ Preston, Jr., was apprenticed to a fuller, near Hampton, Conn., during his boyhood. In 1830 he went to Ohio where he worked in woolen mills for two years. He returned to Connecticut in 1832, and, after a brief visit, accompanied his father on his journey to

Michigan territory. He located a tract of wild land in the township of Freedom, three miles east from his father's location. After building a dwelling house he passed the winter in Ohio working at his trade. In 1833 he returned to Michigan and commenced clearing and tilling his farm. He remained on these premises for twelve years, during which period his three eldest children were born.

In 1845 he sold his farm in Freedom and purchased an improved farm in the town of Pittsfield, a few miles west from Ypsilanti. That farm is now owned and operated by his son, Henry H. Preston.

Roswell Preston was an avowed abolitionist. He was actively connected with the operations of the "Underground Railroad," by means of which slaves, who had escaped from their masters on southern plantations, were enabled to reach the Dominion of Canada where their freedom was guaranteed. Roswell's nearest neighbor was Asher Aray, an intelligent and a prosperous negro, who, with his family, owned and operated the adjoining farm. That negro's farm was one of the stations on the underground railroad. Fugitive slaves traveled by night. During the daytime they were hiding and resting. They came sometimes singly; more frequently in gangs of three or more and, on one occasion, farmer Aray had twenty fugitive slaves who were fed and secreted about his premises in a single day. The most active period of migration of the slaves along that route was from 1852 to 1856. After the latter date the slave-hunters became so troublesome that the route of travel was changed. When pursued by detectives, fugitives were often secreted and fed by Roswell Preston on his own premises. Roswell often furnished horses and wagon to convey them to Detroit, traveling the distance of thirty-five miles in a single night. The slaves would then cross the river to Canada in the early morning, and were free. Several of those fugitives fled as far west as the township of Freedom, where they were housed and fed by Jacob Preston, much to the dismay and dread of his children. They were always armed with pistols or other weapons which they did not hesitate to display. I well remember the terror that I felt when I saw one of those burly negroes display his sword-cane with its narrow, keen, glittering blade, which was long enough to pierce entirely through the body of a man.

Roswell Preston Jr. died 25 March, 1877.

His widow, Frances Preston, died 31 March, 1882.

[32.] MARY⁷ PRESTON and Edmond Comins were married at Hampton, Conn., 4 Dec. 1826. They resided at Howard's Valley, five miles south from Hampton Hill, Conn.

They had but one child.

62. I. ANN JEANNETTE COMINS, born at Hampton, 11 May, 1830
Mary (Preston) Comins died at Hampton, 26 July, 1833.

Edmond Comins married (second) widow Mary Litchfield in 1837, and settled at Southbridge, Mass., taking his daughter with him to his new home.

Edmond Comins died at Southbridge, 10 July, 1880.

His daughter, Ann Jeannette Comins, was for many years librarian of the town of Southbridge, during which time she became familiar with the works of famous authors and acquired discriminating taste for all that is best in literature. The writer is under great obligations to her for valued suggestions and assistance in the arrangement and compilation of this genealogy. At the present time she resides with friends at Pomfret Center, a few miles to the eastward from the old Preston homestead at Hampton.

[33.] WILLIAM⁷ PRESTON and Angeline Raymond were married 4 Feb., 1846, at the residence of the bride's parents in the township of Freedom, Mich. Angeline, daughter of David Raymond, was born at Benton, N. Y., 17 July, 1810.

William and Angeline Preston had:

63. I. WILLIAM WALLACE, b. 22 Jan., 1837.

64. II. CHARLES DELAVAN, b. 3 March, 1847.

William⁷ resided at Hampton, Conn., until 1833, when he accompanied his father's family in the migration to Michigan Territory. In 1835 he and his brother Jacob became joint owners of their father's farm, William taking the westerly portion of the tract, on which he built a comfortable frame house, a barn, and made other improvements. He was a thrifty and an enterprising farmer and always kept his premises in excellent repair. He was a member of the Baptist Church and took an active interest in educational affairs. In the year 1866 William sold his farm in Freedom and purchased another in the township of Grass Lake, Jackson county, Mich., adjoining the farm recently purchased by his brother Jacob. He died at Grass

Lake, 29 April, 1882, aged 74 years. His widow, Angeline, died 21 March, 1883.

[63.] WILLIAM⁸ WALLACE PRESTON and Mary E. Divens (b. in Illinois, 2 June, 1846), were married in Illinois, 27 Oct., 1878, and settled on a farm at Montgomery, Larrimer county, Kansas, where they had:

65. I. WALTER DELAVAN,⁹ b. 6 Nov., 1879.

66. II. HATTIE ANGELINE, b. 19 April, 1881; d. 30 Sept., 1885.

Mary E., wife of Wm. Wallace, died 11 May, 1882. During the following year Wallace married (2d) Sarah Elizabeth Clevenger, who was born in Iowa, 9 Sept., 1865. They had:

67. III. HOMER ORLANDO, b. 14 Oct., 1884.

68. IV. ALVAH LEANDER, b. 16 Aug., 1886.

69. V. AVILLA VICTORIA, b. 14 Feb., 1887; and

70. VI. GEORGIA ELLEN, b. 13 Sept. 1889; d. 1 March, 1891.

William Wallace was a student at the Michigan Agricultural College for nearly four years, when his health failed and he was obliged to discontinue his studies before graduating. He is still a resident of Montgomery, Kansas.

[64.] CHARLES DELAVAN⁸ PRESTON and Kittie E. Cowden, a native of Ionia, Mich., were married at Ionia, 9 Dec. 1874. They remained on the family homestead at Grass Lake and subsequently became the owners of the premises. They had:

71. I. WILLIAM K., b. at Grass Lake, 1 Jan., 1877.

72. II. CLARENCE D., b. at Grass Lake, 16 Aug., 1878.

73. III. ELLA, b. at Grass Lake, 9 Oct., 1880.

74. IV. NORMA M., b. at Grass Lake, 24 April, 1882.

75. V. ALFRED L., b. at Grass Lake, 4 Oct., 1885.

76. VI. EUNICE, b. at Grass Lake, 11 June, 1896.

Charles⁸ D., like his father, is an enterprising farmer, and is using his best efforts to give his children a good education. Two of his sons are now employed as teachers in the public schools and are ambitious to acquire college educations.

[34.] JACOB⁷ PRESTON and Lucy Witter Killam (see p. 57) were married 5 January, 1837, at residence of the bride's brother, Lewis C. Killam, in Sharon, Mich.

They resided in the township of Freedom, Washtenaw County, Mich., where they had:

77. I. THEODORE, b. 30 January, 1838.

78. II. EDWARD MYERS, b. 4 May, 1841.

79. III. MARCUS KILLAM, b. 2 Dec., 1843.

80. IV. BENJAMIN TUSTIN KILLAM, b. 26 Jan., 1846.

Lucy, wife of Jacob Preston, died 26 February, 1846.

Jacob married (2d) Lucina E. Richardson, a native of Vermont, 2 December, 1846. They had:

81. V. NORMAN RICHARDSON, b. 2 Dec., 1847; d. 10 Aug., 1848.

82. VI. ABNER EUGENE, b. 21 May, 1849; d. 12 Feb., 1852.

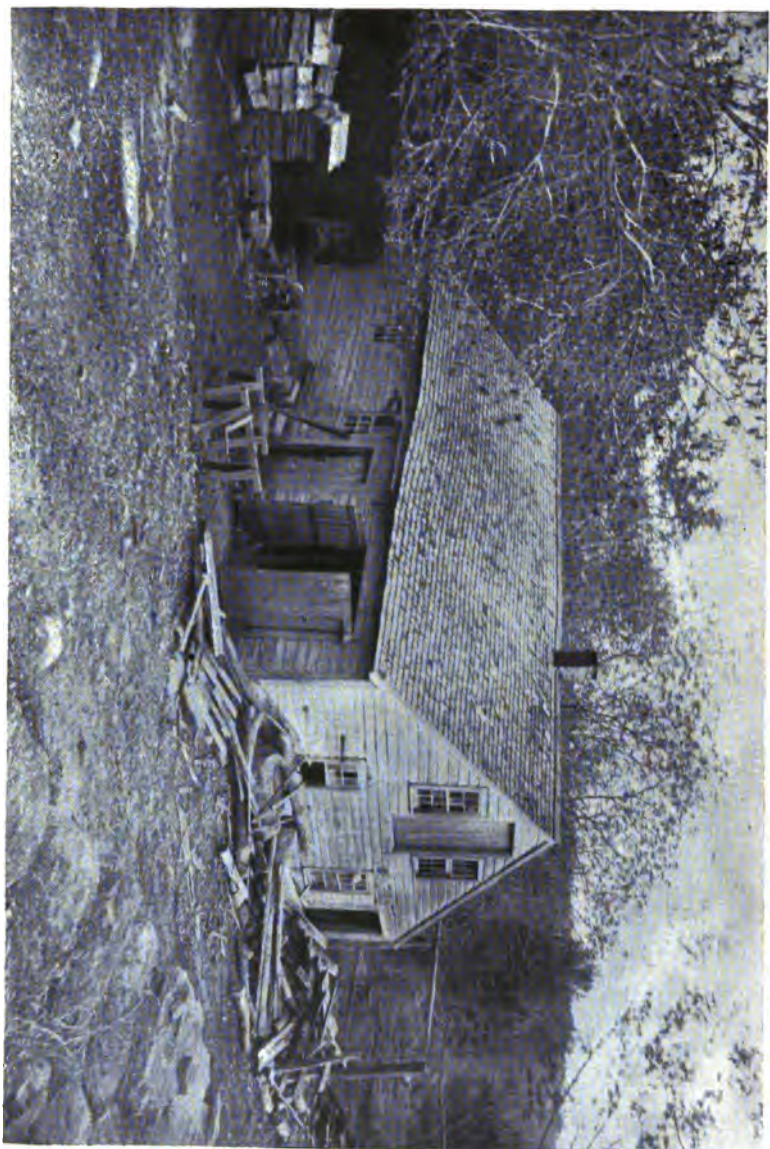
83. VII. CHARLES ADELBERT, b. 23 Jan., 1851. [Unmarried, resides with his brother Marcus at Grass Lake.]

Lucina, second wife of Jacob, died 16 March, 1859.

For his third wife Jacob married Charlotte C. Stitt, 5 April, 1860, at the residence of the bride's parents in Augusta, Washtenaw county, Mich. Charlotte was born in Ingersoll, Canada West, 9 Sept., 1826. She survives her husband and resides with her stepson, Marcus K. Preston, on the homestead at Grass Lake. No children were born to Jacob and Charlotte C. Preston, but in 1866 they adopted a daughter, Mary Ann, who was born at Buffalo, N. Y., 20 Oct., 1854, and who subsequently married Albert Litchfield. [See p. 24.]

Jacob's first employment was as teacher in the public schools. In 1833 he accompanied his father's family to Michigan Territory, where he obtained employment as assistant to John K. Bingham, who was employed by the Government as a surveyor of public lands. In 1835 Jacob purchased Mr. Bingham's instruments and outfit and succeeded him as U. S. Surveyor. This employment often led him into the uninhabited forest, which was infested by wolves, which often howled about his camp during the night, but were kept at bay by his blazing camp fires.

In the partition of his father's farm and estate in 1835, Jacob acquired the eastern half of the farm, with the dwelling and farm buildings, which had been erected by his father. His mother, Mehitable Preston, remained with him on the family homestead,



CRIST-MILL BUILT BY EBENEZER WITTER 1696

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During her lifetime a portion of the kitchen garden was devoted to the cultivation of medicinal herbs and the rafters of the old log house were never destitute of bundles of various herbs, domestic and wild, which constituted a necessary part of the medical economies of the household, according to family tradition reaching back to the days of her talented grandmother, Ann (Woodcock) Eaton, the family physician of Ashford.

In 1847 Jacob built a substantial frame dwelling-house, which was connected with the log-house by a covered passage, and thereafter the two buildings were used jointly as a family residence. In 1866 Jacob sold the premises to a German and bought an improved farm near the village of Grass Lake, in Jackson county, Mich.

Jacob was an active member of the M. E. Church and took an equally active interest in the cause of the public schools. In political affiliations he was a Free Soil Democrat and a pronounced advocate of the abolition of negro slavery. He was a member of the Drainage Commission for Washtenaw county, which engineered and superintended the construction of a series of drainage canals through the swamp and marsh-lands of the county. Those canals drained the surface water from a large area of comparatively worthless swamp and bog and converted those lands into fertile, tillable farms.

Between the brothers, William and Jacob, there existed a strong bond of affection, which made them mutually considerate of each other's welfare and mutually dependent on each other for counsel in business and social affairs. Their dwellings, in the township of Freedom, were so near each other that conversation could easily be carried on between them. A well-worn path extended through the kitchen gardens from one dwelling to the other. The brothers were frequently in consultation before breakfast, and usually met to compare notes after the day's work was done. The intercourse between the children of the two families was like that of brothers. A few months after Jacob had located on his farm at Grass Lake William sold his premises in Freedom and purchased another farm adjoining that of his brother Jacob.

Jacob died 30 Sept., 1881.

William lived but seven months after the death of his brother Jacob.

[77.] THEODORE⁸ PRESTON, after taking a course of instruction in the State Normal School of Ypsilanti, was engaged during the winter seasons as teacher in the public schools. He was also a contractor in the construction of the drainage canals of Washtenaw county. Early in the summer of 1861 he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in Company B, Second Regiment of Col. Berdan's Sharp Shooters, and was assigned to McClellan's army of the Potomac. The regiment was organized into a camp of instruction, while serving as a portion of the military guard of the Capital at Washington, with headquarters in Virginia, on the west side of the Potomac. Owing to some delay in procuring a proper armament for that branch of the service the men were not sent to the front during their first year of service. About a year after the date of his enlistment, Theodore, while in camp, contracted a malignant fever and was transferred to the military hospital at Alexandria, where he died 2 Sept., 1862. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Alexandria, Va., on the right hand side of the main entrance. His grave, like that of thousands of others in that cemetery, is marked by a small marble head-stone. The inscription on the stone is:—

“220. THEO. PRESTON.”

[78.] EDWARD⁸ M. PRESTON graduated from the Agricultural College at Lansing with the degree of B. S., in 1862. He paid all his expenses at College, with the exception of one hundred dollars received from the estate of his grandfather Killam, from his own earnings. Four years after his graduation the faculty of the college conferred on him the degree of M. S. In 1863 he sailed for California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He taught school for several years, and was twice elected County Superintendent of Schools of Nevada County. In 1868 he resigned his position as principal of the Nevada City schools, and engaged in the drug trade. He took an active part in the incorporation of the Citizens' Bank in 1876, and has been president of that corporation since the date of its organization. He was elected to the State Senate from Nevada county in 1888, and was a member of the legislative sessions of 1889 and 1891. Among the bills which he introduced was one establishing a State Reform School for wayward boys.

Before its final passage the title of the bill was amended by the Senate, and the institution was officially designated as "The Preston School of Industry." He has been continuously chairman of its Board of Trustees since the date of the organization of the school.

As a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of California he introduced and secured the adoption of a resolution creating the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, located at Decoto, which is now in successful operation. He was president of its Board of Trustees until 1895, when he was elected Grand Master of Masons of California. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1896, as Grand Master of the order, he officiated at the ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone of the Home.

Edward⁸ M. Preston and Maggie H. Hinds were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Nevada City, Cal., 8 November, 1870. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. J. W. Stump of the M. E. Church.

Maggie H., daughter of Hiram M. and Elvira (Kidd) Hinds, was born near Glasgow, Kentucky, 9 March, 1848. She accompanied her parents to California in 1860, and thereafter resided with the family of her uncle, Capt. Geo. W. Kidd, until the date of her marriage. At Nevada City she attended the select school for young ladies under the tutorship of Mrs. Hebbard. In 1884 she spent several months in the Hawaiian Islands for the recovery of her health, and was greatly improved by the trip. The improvement, however, was but temporary. She died at Nevada City, 2 June, 1889.

Edward M. and Maggie H. Preston had:

84. I. Myers Albert, born at Nevada City, Cal., 30 Dec., 1874.

[84.] MYERS⁹. ALBERT PRESTON, at the age of ten years visited the Hawaiian Islands with his parents, and, accompanied by his father, passed two days and a part of one night along the shore of the burning lake of Halemaumau, in the volcano of Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii. It was there, while watching the work of an artist, who was sketching the volcano, that he first manifested his taste for art and his skill in drawing.

He entered Dr. Brewer's academy, at San Mateo, in 1889, and subsequently continued his studies of the Berkeley Gymnasium.

After a special course of instruction at the State University, preparatory to the study of medicine, he entered Cooper's Medical College, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in December, 1897. He is now a student in the Hopkins' Art Institute in San Francisco.

[79.] MARCUS⁸ K. PRESTON is a farmer, having succeeded his father as the owner of the family homestead at Grass Lake. In acquiring the property Marcus assumed obligations to pay stipulated legacies to his father's heirs as a part of the consideration for the premises. His brother, Charles, and his father's widow, Charlotte, reside with his family. Mary, the adopted daughter of Jacob and Charlotte C. Preston remained with his family until she married Albert Litchfield.

After receiving a common school education Marcus took a course of study at the State Normal School at Ypsilanti. He is an active member of the Farmers' Club and of other associations for increasing his knowledge and for promoting the success of his farming enterprises.

Marcus K. Preston and Anna E. Hawley were married 16 August, 1876, by Rev. C. W. Armstrong of the M. E. Church, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Mason, Mich. For their bridal tour they visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

Anna E. Hawley was born in Vevay township, near Mason, Mich., 25 March, 1853. Her parents, Henry A. Hawley and Lucy Ann Hicks, were married 2 June, 1841, in Ingham county, Michigan, and lived on their farm in Vevay township, Ingham county. Mr. Hawley was born in Hirkimer county, New York, 19 Nov., 1815, and died 12 June, 1881. His wife Lucy Ann Hicks was born at Homer, New York, 28 August, 1818; and died 18 Nov., 1853. She was daughter of Zephaniah Hicks, by his second wife, Lucy Ingalls, whom he married at Pomfret, Conn., 4 July, 1811. Zephaniah Hicks married (first) on 15 June, 1801, Mary (Polly), daughter of Lieut. Jacob⁵ Preston of Hampton, Conn. (See p. 13.)

Marcus K. and Anna E. Preston had:

85. I. LUCY ANN, b. 25 Aug., 1878; d. 3 March, 1883.

86. II. MAGGIE BELLE, b. 5 Feb., 1880.

87. III. FLORENCE ADELLE, b. 4 Sept., 1881; d. 21 March, 1883.
88. IV. JENNIE HAWLEY, b. 25 March, 1884.
89. V. OLIVE DEA, b. 1 April, 1886.
90. VI. CLARA B., b. 20 Dec., 1887.

[80.] BENJAMIN⁸ T. K. PRESTON completed a course of studies at the Union High School at Ann Arbor in 1866, and then entered the State University at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1871, with the degree of A. B. In 1873, accompanied by his wife, he went to California and located at Nevada City where, for a time, he was principal of the High School. Afterwards he was successively publisher and editor of the *Truckee Republican*, the *Stockton Herald* and the *Fresno Expositor*. He was afterwards employed on the San Francisco dailies, and was for four years in the employ of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. At the present time he is Secretary of the Preston School of Industry located at Ione, California.

Benjamin T. K. Preston and Lucy (daughter of Alfred and Frances Nordman Killam), were married 25 Dec., 1872, at the residence of the bride's brother, Lewis C. Killam, at Moulton, Iowa. They had:

91. I. EDWARD KILLAM, born at Nevada City, 23 Oct., 1873.

Lucy Killam was born at Marengo, Mich., 25 Sept., 1847. She died at Nevada City, California, 29 April, 1874.

Benjamin married (second) Susie N. Tincker, 26 March, 1897, at San Jose, California. Susie was born in Maine, 1874.

They had:

92. II. MADELINE LOUISE, born at Ione, Cal., 5 March, 1898.

[91.] EDWARD⁹ K. PRESTON received his early education in the public schools of San Francisco, and took a course of athletic training at the Olympic Club. He afterwards graduated from the Union High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and took a partial course in electrical engineering at the State University. This was followed by one or two years' experience of farm life, with his uncle at Grass Lake, after which he returned to California and entered the service of the Nevada County Electric Power Company, being now in charge of their office at Grass Valley.

[35.] JULIA ANN⁷ PRESTON and David C. Raymond were married at the residence of Capt. Roswell Preston in Freedom, Mich., 26 May, 1836. They had:

93. I. MARVIN PRESTON, b. 24 May, 1837.
94. II. WALDEN W., b. 27 Oct., 1840.
95. III. ALMA G., b. at Dexter, 15 May, 1845.
96. IV. DE WITT D., b. at Danville, 18 Aug., 1848.
97. V. ELMER J., b. at Danville, 4 Mar., 1854.

David C. Raymond was born in Orange County, N. Y., 13 Dec., 1803, emigrated with his father's family, to Michigan in 1833 and settled in the township of Freedom. After his marriage he resided for a time at Dexter, Mich., where he was proprietor of a shoe store. About 1847 he purchased and worked a farm near Danville, Ingham County Mich. He died 13 March, 1869.

Julia Ann⁷ Preston, when her father's family emigrated to Michigan, in 1833, remained at Hampton to nurse her invalid sister, Mrs. Mary (Preston) Comins. Mary lived but a few weeks after the departure of her parents. After her death Julia Ann, accompanied by her deceased sister's husband, Edmond Comins, went west and joined her father's family in Michigan. Mr. Comins, after a short visit, returned to his home in Connecticut.

Julia Ann (Preston) Raymond died 21 March, 1883.

[93.] MARVIN PRESTON RAYMOND enlisted first in 1861 in the 16th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, for three month's service in the Union Army. After his discharge he re-enlisted as a private for three years, or during the war, in Company I, of Col. Berdan's Sharp Shooters and was assigned to McClellan's Brigade. He participated in the battles of Painesville, South Mountain and Antietam and for gallantry was promoted to the rank of sergeant. During the battle of Antietam his superior officers were all killed or disabled and he was placed in command of his company, and was ordered to cross the Potomac at Blackmer's Ford, to dislodge the Confederates from their rifle pits on the opposite shore. During this gallant charge he was killed by a bullet from the rifle of one the enemy's sharpshooters. His body was recovered from the river by his comrades and buried among the unknown dead in the National Cemetery at Antietam.

Had he lived another week he would have been commissioned lieutenant for gallantry in battle, as the order had already been made for the signing of his commission. The date of his death was 18 Sept., 1862.

[94.] WALDEN W. RAYMOND enlisted 10 Sept., 1862, in Co. E of Seventh Regiment of Michigan Cavalry, and was assigned to Custer's Brigade. From June, 1863, until the surrender of Lee, in April, 1865, his regiment participated in sixty-two engagements with the enemy. Walden fought in fifty of those battles. His horse was shot from under him at the battle of Gettysburg and before he could again overtake his company he had missed five battles. While running to overtake his company he was so closely pursued by the enemy that he fell to the ground and feigned death to avoid being made a prisoner. The Confederates, however, were driven back by the Union forces and Walden was rejoiced to find himself again within the Union lines. He secured another horse and in less than a month that horse was shot from under him, being pierced by two bullets.

De Forest Litchfield, who was also a soldier in the Union Army, states that, among army men, Walden had the reputation of being one of the most fearless and effective soldiers in the cavalry service.

Walden received an honorable discharge at the close of the war; returned to Michigan, married and settled on a farm in Ingham County and enjoys the reputation of having one of the best equipped farms in his section the county.

[95.] ALMA G. RAYMOND married Francis L. Walker.
She died 16 Sept., 1866.

[96.] DE WITT D. RAYMOND is a contractor and resides at Lansing, Mich. Is married and has a married daughter and one grandchild.

[97.] ELMER J. RAYMOND married, first, Ida Doan, 14 Feby., 1881, at Chelsea, Mich. They had:

98. I. EDNA, a daughter, born in Mich.

They went to California in 1883 for the benefit of Ida's health. Ida (Doan) Raymond died at Live Oak, Cal., 27 Sept., 1884. Elmer, with his daughter, then returned to Michigan.

Elmer J. Raymond married (second) Estelle (Kendall) States, 30 Jan., 1894, at Mason, Mich., and now resides on the Kendall farm in Sharon, Washtenaw Co., Mich.

[36.] SABRINA⁷ PRESTON married Richard Ayers, 10 Dec., 1840, at the residence of Jacob Preston in Freedom, Mich.

Richard and Sabrina (Preston) Ayers resided for a time in Sharon, Mich., where they had:—

99. I. MARY JERUSHA, b. 26 Sept., 1843; d. 5 Jan., 1862.

100. II. ALFONZO, b. 14 Aug., 1846; d. 1 Dec., 1846.

101. III. WILLIAM L., b. 14 Nov., 1847.

After leaving Sharon the family resided at several places and is now located on a farm at Elbridge, Oceana Co., Mich.

Richard Ayers was born in the State of New York, 17 Oct., 1806. He died 20 March, 1898.

Sabrina (Preston) Ayers, died 28 March, 1898.

[101.] WILLIAM L. AYERS and Lydia Holmes were married 3 Dec., 1874, at Hamlin, Mich.

They had:—

102. I. ORLA L., b. 21 Dec., 1875.

103. II. ORVIL J., b. 14 Aug., 1882.

104. III. OLENA (dau.), b. 14 Aug., 1882.

They reside at Elbridge, Mich.

BURIAL PLACES.

In the old North burying-ground near Hampton, Connecticut, are to be found the oldest of any of the tombstones that mark the final resting place of the descendants of Roger¹ Preston. The oldest inscription is:

"John Presson, died 2^d July, 1733, in y^e 49 year of his age."

[NOTE.—The family name was often spelled "Presson" previous to 1750.]

"Sarah Preston, y^e wife of Left. Jacob Preston, died April 14, 1751, in y^e 43^d year of her age."

Near these are two other stones, one of which reads "Mr. John Presson," the other "Sarah Preston, 1751." These latter were once believed to mark the resting places of the old Narragansett soldier and his wife Sarah. They, however, may have been footstones to the first mentioned graves.

BIGELOW CEMETERY.

On 23 November, 1815, Uriah Litchfield of Hampton deeded to Capt. Roswell Preston and fifteen others, and to their heirs forever, the Bigelow burying-ground, comprising two-thirds of an acre of land with the "privilege to pass and repass to and from said piece of land north of my dwelling house." The Bigelow cemetery is located midway between the town of Hampton Hill and the Preston homestead, on the west side of the Appaquay, or Little river, a half mile to the northward from the Bigelow school house. In 1897, I copied inscriptions there as follows:

"Mrs. Mary, wife of Mr. Samuel Butt who died Dec. 15, 1767, in y^e 61st year of her age."

"In memory of Samuel Butt, who died April 11, 1791, in y^e 84th year of his age."

"Chloe, daughter of Jacob and Mary Preston, died July 25th, 1784."

"Ambrose, son of Jacob and Mary Preston, died Nov. 21, 1793, in 20th year of his age."

"Mary, consort of Mr. Jacob Preston, died April 18, 1795."

"Lieut. Jacob Preston, died Nov. 5, 1806, aged 74."

"Mrs. Mehitable Preston, wife of Lieut. Jacob Preston, died March 29, 1826, aged 86 years."

"Mrs. Mary Comins, wife of Edmond Comins, died July 26, 1833, daughter of Capt. Roswell Preston."

The following inscription from a stone placed in that cemetery by Capt. Roswell Preston has since been forwarded to me:

"In memory of widow Ann Eaton, relict of Mr. Joshua Eaton, formerly of Ashford, who died Sept. 5, 1807, in the 88 year of her age."

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

All of these tombstones, except the marble monument at Mary Comins' grave, are of blue slate rock and are fairly well preserved, except that the letters are worn and partly covered with lichens.

THE FREEDOM CEMETERY.

It is located on the farm originally owned by Edward Litchfield in the township of Freedom, county of Washtenaw, Michigan. In that cemetery are marble headstones, with dates of death as follows:

Capt. Roswell Preston, 16 July, 1836; his widow Mehitable Preston, 27 Nov., 1854; Jacob Preston, 30 Sept., 1881; his wife Lucy, 26 Feb., 1846; his second wife Lucina, 16 March, 1859; his sons Norman, 10 Aug., 1848, and Abner E., 12 Feb., 1852; Chloe (Preston) Kendall, 11 Nov., 1841, and her son Nathan Preston Kendall, 29 June, 1848.

BUTT ANCESTRY.

RICHARD¹, SAMUEL², SAMUEL³, MARY⁴, (^M LIEUT. JACOB PRESTON).

RICHARD¹ BUTT, a native of England, settled at Dorchester, Mass., as early as 1675, where, by his wife Deliverance, he had nine children. The town records give the births in detail, showing that Nathaniel,² the eldest, was born 2 Dec., 1670; Samuel² on 1 March., 1673-4, and Mary, the youngest, 18 March, 1682. Stephen¹ and Hannah (Makepeace³) Hoppin, of Dorchester, had a daughter, Deliverance, who was born in 1648. Modern authorities state that she became the wife of Richard Butt. The dates are all consistent with this statement. On the other hand the church records read: "The 26, 3(16)78 was the wife of Richard Butt baptized, being lately admitted a member, and y^e same time her children were also baptized, whose names are: Smith Woodward, Nathaniel, Sherebiah, Samuel and Elizabeth." With this record for its authority Savage's Genealogical Dictionary asserts that the wife of Richard Butt had been widow Deliverance Woodward, "though name and residence of her are unknown." It states, further, that she died 22 July, 1699, aged 74 years, which would make her 45 years of age when her son Nathaniel was born, and 57 years of age when her daughter Mary was born.

On 30 July, 1690, Richard Butt executed his will because he was "going forth a soldier in the present expedition against the French," i. e., the abortive crusade against Quebec. This is the last record which we find of Richard. His wife, Deliverance, was named as executrix. His two eldest sons, Nathaniel and Samuel, were not mentioned in the document. The will was probated in 1694, and in 1699 Sherebiah Butt succeeded his mother as administrator of the estate.

SAMUEL², son of Richard¹ and Deliverance Butt, was born at Dorchester, Mass., 1 March, 1673-4.

Sarah³, daughter of Samuel² and Mary² (Davenport²) Maxfield, was born at Dorchester, 1 July, 1680.

Samuel² Butt and Sarah Maxfield were married 11 June, 1701, at Dorchester by Rev. John Danforth. They settled at Canterbury, Conn., where they had:

1. SAMUEL³, born at Canterbury, 30 Nov., 1707. (See Canterbury records.)

Sarah, wife of Samuel³ Butt Sr., died at Canterbury 27 Aug., 1727.

Samuel³ Butt Sr. died at Canterbury, 30 May, 1747.

SAMUEL³ BUTT JR., and Mary (Cleveland), widow of Richard⁴ Adams, were married 8 January, 1735-6. They resided at Canterbury, where they had:

I. MARY, b. 28 April, 1739; m. Lieut. Jacob Preston.

II. SAMUEL⁴, b. 20 Dec., 1742; was a Revolutionary soldier.

III. JOHN⁴, b. 1 March, 1745; was a Revolutionary soldier.

IV. JAMES⁴, b. 14 June, 1748.

V. HANNAH, b. 8 Aug. 1750.

Mary, wife of Samuel³ Butt Jr., died at Canterbury, 16 Dec., 1767, aged 60 years.

Samuel³ Butt Jr., died at Canterbury, 11 April, 1791.

Deacon Samuel⁴ Butt and John⁴ Butt were neighbors of Capt. Roswell Preston, near Hampton, as late as 1818. [See p. 18.] This is the latest trace that I have been able to find of any of the descendants of Richard¹ by the name of Butt.

EATON ANCESTRY.

JOHN¹, JOHN², THOMAS³, JOSHUA⁴, MEHITABLE⁵,
(^m WM. KNOWLTON.)

JOHN¹ EATON and (widow) Abigail Damon were married at St. James Church, Dover, Eng., 5 April, 1630. They had three children at Dover: Mary, born, 1631; John Jr., and Thomas, born, 1634. Mary and John Jr. were christened in St. James' church. A few months later John Jr. was buried from that church.

Mrs. Abigail Eaton, with her children, Mary and Thomas, embarked in April, 1635, on the ship "Elizabeth and Ann" for New England. The name of John¹ Eaton does not appear on that ship's passenger list, and yet John took the "freeman's oath" at Watertown, Mass., 25 May, 1636. Abigail, his wife, was a member of the church at Watertown. They had a son, John² Jr., born at Watertown about 1636. In 1637 the family moved to Dedham, Mass., where John¹ Sr. died 17 Nov., 1658.

JOHN² Jr. married Alice ——— and lived at Dedham, where he had a family of eight children, born on dates ranging from 1665 to 1687. Four of his sons lived to maturity, married, and left a numerous posterity.

THOMAS³, son of John² and Alice Eaton, born at Dedham, Mass., 23 July, 1675, and Lydia, daughter of Nathaniel Gay, were married at Dedham, 5 Oct., 1697. They resided first at Roxbury, Mass., where three children were born to them. Previous to 1704 they settled at Woodstock, Conn., where six additional children were born. They finally settled at Ashford, Conn. Thomas³ was, by occupation, both blacksmith and farmer. He died at Ashford, 14 Aug., 1748.

JOSHUA⁴, son of Thomas³ and Lydia Eaton, was born at Woodstock, 24 Sept., 1709. Joshua⁴ Eaton and Ann Woodcock were married, 15 Dec., 1737. They resided at Ashford, Conn., where they had:

1. MEHITABLE, b. 17 Oct., 1740; m. (1st) William Knowlton; (2d) Jacob Preston.

- II. ANN, b. 20 Nov., 1728; d. 17 Oct., 1740.
- III. SAMUEL, b. 14 Nov., 1742.
- IV. ANN, the second, b. 11 Oct., 1749.

Joshua⁴ Eaton died at Ashford, 27 March, 1785.

His wife, Ann, born at Dedham, Mass., 24 Feb., 1720, was daughter of Samuel and Ann (Herring) Woodcock, who were married at Dedham, 12 Feb., 1719. Ann Herring, born 12 July, 1695, was daughter of Thomas and Mehitable Herring, of Dedham.

"Ann Woodcock Eaton rode as a physician in diseases in general and officiated at 1931 births."

This quotation is a literal copy from the Eaton family records, which were in the possession of Jacob Preston, of Grass Lake, 1879. On 8 January, 1806, widow Ann Eaton went to Hampton, to reside with her grand-daughter, Mehitable, wife of Capt. Roswell Preston, at a stipulated rate of four shillings per week for her maintenance. She died 5 Sept., 1807.

Mehitable, daughter of Joshua and Ann Eaton, married (1st) William Knowlton, by whom she had a daughter, Mehitable, who married Roswell Preston. William Knowlton died 9 Jan'y., 1784. His widow married (2d) Lieut. Jacob Preston, of Hampton, 25 Jany., 1798. She died at the residence of her son-in-law, Capt. Roswell Preston, at Hampton, 25 March, 1826.

KNOWLTON ANCESTRY.

WILLIAM¹, JOHN², JOHN³, NATHANIEL⁴, NATHANIEL⁵, WILLIAM⁶,
WILLIAM⁷, MEHITABLE⁸, (* CAPT. ROSWELL PRESTON.)

CAPT. WILLIAM KNOWLTON and Ann Elizabeth Smith were married in England about 1609. In 1632, with their four children, they sailed for America in a ship commanded by Capt. William Knowlton and of which he was a part owner. Capt. Knowlton died during the voyage and was buried at Shelbourne, Nova Scotia. His family subsequently settled at Ipswich, Mass.

2. JOHN², son of William¹ and Ann E. Knowlton, born 1610, and Margery Wilson, a native of England, were married about 1632. They resided at Ipswich and had three children. John² was a shoemaker; became a citizen in 1639; took the oath of allegiance 9 June, 1641, and died 8 Oct., 1654/5.

5. JOHN³, son of John² and Margery Knowlton, born at Ipswich, 1633, married Sarah Whipple 3 July, 1661. Sarah was daughter of John and Sarah Whipple, of Ipswich. John³ and Sarah Knowlton resided at Ipswich, where they had ten children. John³ was a shoemaker, was drafted into the Narraganset expedition in 1670, took the freeman's oath 16 Oct., 1680, moved to Wrentham in 1679, and died Oct. —, 1684.

19. NATHANIEL⁴, born at Ipswich 24 July, 1658-9, was the fifth child of John³ and Sarah Knowlton. He married Deborah Jewett 2 May, 1682. Deborah was daughter of Benjamin and Deborah Jewett. Nathaniel⁴ was a Commoner in 1697, and a deputy of the General Court from 1700 to 1720. He died 18 Sept., 1726.

Nathaniel and Deborah Knowlton had seven children, the eldest being:

74. NATHANIEL⁵, born at Ipswich, 3 May, 1683. He married Mary Bennett 13 Feb., 1703, resided at Ipswich, and had seven children. His second child was:

197. WILLIAM⁶, born at Ipswich 8 Feb., 1706.

William⁶ Knowlton and Martha Pindar, of Boxford, were married

13 Feb., 1728. Martha was a lineal descendant of the Pynders of Lincoln county, England, who were granted a coat of arms in 1538, as appears from the records in the Herald's College, London. (See p. 49, Knowlton Ancestry.) She was a granddaughter of John Pynder, of Pynder, England, and a great-granddaughter of Henry and Mary Pynder, who sailed from England for America in 1635 in the ship "Susan and Ellen." She survived her first husband and married (2d) Col. Dean, of Taunton. William⁶ Knowlton was a housewright. He resided at West Boxford until 1748 when he moved to Ashford, Conn. His name does not appear on the church records, yet he is said to have been a liberal supporter of the church. He died at Ashford 13 March, 1753.

William⁶ and Martha (Pinder) Knowlton had:

- 421. LUCY, died young.
- 422. LUCY, b. 20 Feb., 1736; m. Abijah Brooks.
- 423. WILLIAM⁷, b. 23 Dec., 1738; m. Mehitable Eaton.
- 424. DANIEL, b. 23 Dec., 1738.
- 425. THOMAS, b. 30 Nov., 1740; m. Anna Keys.
- 426. NATHANIEL, b. 9 May, 1746; died young.
- 427. MARY, b. 9 May, 1746; m. Ezekiel Tiffany.
- 428. SARAH, b. — —; m. Joshua Kendall of Ashford.
- 429. PRISCILLA, b. — —; unmarried.

(423.) WILLIAM⁷, b. at West Boxford, Mass., 23 Dec., 1738; and Mehitable Eaton (see p. 43) born at Ashford, Conn., 17 Oct., 1740, were married about 1759. They resided at Ashford, where they had nine children:

- (1032.) JOSHUA, b. 21 Oct., 1760.
- (1033.) HARNEY, b. 12 Nov., 1762; m. a Miss Wheeler.
- (1034.) FANELIA (dau.), b. 2 Feb., 1765; m. — Wheeler, resided in N. Y.
- (1035.) WILLIAM⁸, b. 1 January, 1767.
- (1036.) STEPHEN, b. 10 Nov., 1768; m. Eunice Swan.
- (1037.) ACHSAH, b. 29 Aug., 1772.
- (1038.) MEHITABLE⁸, b. 27 April, 1774; m. Roswell Preston.
- (1039.) EPHRAIM, b. 27 April, 1774; d. 6 April, 1797.
- (1040.) ANN, b. — —; married — Delamater; lived in N. Y.
- (423.) WILLIAM⁷, died at Ashford 9 Jan., 1784. His widow,

Mehitable, married (second) Lieut. Jacob Preston of Hampton, Conn. (See p. 12.)

[NOTE.—The marginal numbers are copied as they appear in the volume of *The Knowlton Ancestry*.]

Two of the uncles of Mehitable, wife of Capt. Roswell Preston, served as soldiers both in the Colonial and in the Revolutionary wars.

LIEUT. DANIEL⁷ KNOWLTON (424) enlisted first in 1757 to fight in the French and Indian wars. He often served as a scout. In the expedition to Fort Edward, in 1757, he saved the life of Gen. Israel Putnam by shooting an Indian who was in the act of tomahawking him. He was a sergeant in Capt. Durkee's company, 1761; was with Lyman's regiment at Crown Point in 1762; in the Lexington Alarm of 1775; at the battle of Flatbush Pass, 1776; and in the battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sept., 1776, when his brother, Col. Thomas Knowlton, was killed; and was Lieut. in Capt. Durkee's company of Matrosses, 1782.

(424) COL. THOMAS⁷ KNOWLTON, at the age of sixteen, accompanied his brother Daniel in the campaign which terminated in the conquest of Canada. He had a narrow escape from death while fighting Indians at Wood Creek, 1758, and was at the capture of Ticonderoga in 1759. He was at the siege of Havana, and was commissioned Lieutenant, 1762. In 1774 he was chosen Captain of the Ashford minute men and led this company in his heroic defense of Breed's Hill, at the battle of Bunker Hill, 16 June, 1775. His company was selected by Washington as his body guard. He became Major and subsequently acting Colonel of the Twentieth Regiment, of which he was Paymaster. He was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel 12 Aug., 1776. A few days later, by skillful strategy, he saved his regiment from capture after the disastrous defeat at Long Island. Soon after this engagement the regiment of Knowlton's Rangers was organized from picked men from various regiments, with Col. Thomas Knowlton in command. This regiment became Washington's body-guard, receiving their orders directly from him. At the battle of Harlem Heights, New York, 16 Sept., 1776, in which the Americans defeated a much larger force of the British, Col. Knowlton's regiment was in the thickest of the fight. During this battle Col. Knowlton fell, mortally wounded. He died a few hours later. His statue, in marble, now adorns the grounds of the State Capitol at Hartford, Conn.

RAYMOND ANCESTRY.

EPHRAIM RAMUNG was a native of France. He, with three of his brothers, sailed to America and settled in the colony of New York. Ephraim had a son, Samuel, who was born 1740. Samuel Raymond married Froena Agnes ———, about 1765. They settled in Dutchess county, New York, where they had:

I. DAVID, b. 18 Nov., 1767.

The family afterwards moved to Benton, in Yates county. Captain Samuel Raymond was in command of a company of militia during the Revolutionary War and afterwards commanded a boat that sailed on the Hudson river between New York and Albany. He died 19 March, 1821, aged 81 years.

Froena Agnes Raymond, his widow, died at Benton, Yates county, New York, 22 May, 1822, aged 82 years.

David, son of Samuel Raymond, and Mary Baily were married 26 Jan., 1796. Mary was born 15 April, 1777. Her mother was Barbary Bailey, of whom it is recorded that, although of Irish descent, yet "she was married to a Yanke."

David and Mary (Baily) Raymond lived in Benton, Yates county, N. Y., where they had:

I. AYERS, b. 4 May, 1797; m. Samantha Tubbs, 10 Feb., 1819; d. 1821.

II. MARTHA, b. 18 June, 1798; m. Elipha Peckens; d. 5 Nov., 1886.

III. SAMUEL BAILY, b. 1 April, 1800; m. Charlotte Sweet, 28 Nov., 1822; d. 1 Sept., 1887.

IV. BETSY, b. 28 Jan., 1802; d. 15 Sept., 1889; unmarried.

V. DAVID C., b. 13 Dec., 1803; m. Julia Ann Preston, 26 May, 1836; d. 13 March, 1869.

VI. JAMES G., b. 18 Jan., 1806; d. 16 Dec., 1893; unmarried.

VII. CYRUS, b. 14 May, 1808; m. Lorena Dickensen, 20 June, 1833; d. 9 Feb., 1896.

VIII. ANGELINE, b. 17 July, 1810; m. William Preston, 4 Feb., 1836; d. 21 March, 1883.

IX. NANCY JANE, b. 10 July, 1813; d. 3 May, 1897; unmarried.

X. MARY ANN, b. 26 Aug., 1817; d. 1 Sept., 1869; unmarried.

David Raymond, accompanied by his wife and children, excepting Martha and Ayers, emigrated to Michigan in 1833, and settled on a farm in the township of Freedom, Washtenaw county, in the same neighborhood as Capt Roswell Preston. That farm became the permanent residence of the parents and unmarried children. Cyrus and Samuel each owned farms in the adjoining town of Sharon. David C. lived for a time at Dexter, Mich., and afterwards purchased a farm in Ingham county.

Barbary Baily died at the residence of David Raymond in Freedom, 1845, aged 95 years.

Mary Bailey, wife of David Raymond, died 15 March, 1856.

David Raymond died 28 June, 1858, aged 90 years.

WITTER ANCESTRY.

WILLIAM¹, JOSEPH², EBENEZER³, JOSEPH⁴, ELIJAH⁵, ELIZABETH⁶
(M. B. T. KILLAM.)

WILLIAM¹ WITTER, born in Great Britain in 1584, was one of the first settlers at Lynn, Mass. His title to his land was acquired directly from the Indians, as is set forth in a deposition made by him on 16 June, 1657. The following is a copy of his affidavit:

"Black Will, or Duke William, came to my house when Thomas Dexter bought Nahant for a suit of clothes. He (Witter) said: Black Will asked me what I would give him for the land my house stood on, it being his land and his father's wigwam stood thereabouts. Joseph Sagmore and John and the Sagmore of Agwam and others; and George Sagmore, being a youth, was present. All of them acknowledging Black Will to be the owner of the land my house stood upon; and Sagmore hill and Nahant were all his. He (Witter) adds that he bought Nahant and Sagmore hill and Swampscol of Black Will for two pestle-stones."

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On 28 April, 1643, William Witter was presented to the Court of Salem for his conduct regarding infant baptism — he regarding it as a sinful rite. He answered humbly and confessed his ignorance and willingness, and (upon Mr. Morris, our minister, his speech) seemed to be staggered, inasmuch as he came into Court meetingly. The Court sentenced him to acknowledge his fault and to ask Mr. Corbit forgiveness in saying he spoke against his conscience, and enjoined to be here next Court at Salem.

April 26, 1646, William Witter, of Lynn, was presented by the Grand Jury at the Court of Salem for saying that: "They who stayed at the baptism of a child do worship the Divell." Being dealt thereabout he further said that: "He who stayed at the baptism of a child do take ye name of the Father, Sonne and Holy Gost in vayne."

He was accused, also, of breaking the Sabbath, & confessed, & justified his former speech. The sentence of the Court was an injunction the next Lord's Day that he make a public confession, to satisfaction, in the open congregation at Lynn. Or else to answer it

at the next General Court & concerning his opinion the Court expressed their patience towards him and admonishing him till they see if he continue obstinate. Said Witter not appearing, according to order, was directed to appear at the Court of Assistants of Boston.

July 22, 1646, William Witter not appearing at Court in Boston, it is ordered that the Major-General do take order for his appearance at the next General Court of Assistants to answer for his offenses.

Sept. 19, 1651, John Clark, Obediah Holmes and John Crandall, being the representatives of the church in Newport (First Baptist), upon request of William Witter of Lynn, arrived there, he "being a brother in the Church who, by reason of his advanced age, could not undertake so great a journey to visit the Church." He lived about two miles out of Lynn and, the next day being Sunday, they spent in religious services at his house, and was there apprehended by 2 constables at the instance of the Mass. authorities "for the dire offense of holding their little meeting, & on other frivolous pretexts." Obediah Holmes was fined, imprisoned and whipped.

(Copied from old records.)

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WILLIAM WITTER, the subject of the foregoing record, and the first of his line in America, married Anne ———, (or Agnes ———) in 1635. He died at Lynn in 1659, aged 75 years.

William¹ and Anne Witter had:

I. JOSIAH², b. at Lynn about 1638.

Josiah² married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wheeler, of Lynn, by whom he had:

I. ELIZABETH, b. 15 March, 1663.

II. MARY, b. 20 February, 1665.

✓ III. EBENEZER³, b. 20 May, 1668.

Elizabeth, mother of the foregoing, died at Lynn, 7 Oct., 1672. Josiah² married (second) Sarah, daughter of John Crandall, by whom he had four children.

Ebenezer³, son of Josiah² and Elizabeth Witter, settled first on

the Pettsquamscutt Purchase (now South Kingston), Rhode Island. In 1692 he moved thence to the town of Preston, Connecticut, where he purchased eight acres of land on the south slope of Wisquador Hill, bounded on the south by New London town and Poquetannock brook. On this land he erected a grist mill, which is still in operation, and which was, until 1897, in possession of his lineal descendants.

The town of Preston is seven miles east of Norwich, which was the market town of the Preston families residing at Hampton. It was incorporated in 1696, deriving its name, doubtless, from the town of Preston in England, the native place of several of the grantees, or first settlers, of the Connecticut town of Preston. One of these was the Rev. John Thompson, whose children married into the Park family. Another was Thomas² Park, whose granddaughter, Dorothy Morgan, married Ebenezer² Witter. Thomas¹ Rose was also one of the grantees. His granddaughter, Sarah Rose, married John Killam. Thomas¹ Rose is described in the records as "gentleman" and the town records indicate that he was a gentleman by birth and by education. He married Hannah Allyn, of Preston. His son, Joseph Rose, married Sarah Pelton, by whom he had a daughter, Sarah, who, doubtless, was the Sarah Rose who married John Killam.

Robert Park, "gentleman," in 1600, married Martha, daughter of Capt. Robert Chaplin, of Bury, Eng., by whom he had: William, Samuel and Thomas, all born in the town of Preston, England. Robert Park and his three sons sailed from the Isle of Wight for America in the ship "Arabella," 29 March, 1630, with seventy-six passengers. Robert Park was companion and secretary of John Winslow, who was also one of the passengers on the "Arabella," and who afterwards became Governor of the colony of Connecticut.

Thomas², son of Robert Park, married Dorothy, the daughter of Rev. John Thompson of the town of Preston, by whom he had a daughter, Dorothy.

Joseph, son of James Morgan, b. 29 Oct., 1646, and Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Park, b. 6 May, 1652, were married in April, 1670. They lived at Preston, where they had:

- I. DOROTHY, b. 29 Feb., 1676.



PAUPAC RIVER ON KILLAM HOMESTEAD

EBENEZER³ WITTER and Dorothy (Park) Morgan were married 5 May, 1693. They were residents in Preston and had:

I. JOSEPH⁴, b. 12 June, 1698, besides three other sons and one daughter.

Joseph⁴ Witter and Elizabeth Gore (or Geer) were married 13 Aug., 1722, lived at Preston and had:

- I. SAMUEL⁵, b. 28 May, 1723.
- II. JOSEPH⁵, b. 15 Dec., 1724.
- III. EZRA, b. 22 Jan., 1727.
- IV. HANNAH, b. 8 Oct., 1730.
- V. EBENEZER⁵, b. 11 Sept., 1732. *Capt. in Rev.*
- VI. [ELIJAH⁵, b. 26 Sept., 1735.] *John A. Witter 5-17-39*
- VII. EUNICE, b. 8 Dec., 1747.

Elijah's name does not appear among the births of Joseph's⁴ other children in the town records of Preston. The date of his birth and his nativity are recorded, however, in the Killam family records. The town records do show that Elijah Witter conveyed to *his father*, Joseph Witter, 7 Oct., 1760, certain lands which Elijah had purchased 12 Oct., 1759 [See page 408, vol. 7, Record of Deeds, town of Preston]. The marriage records show that he was twice married in that town, of which he was a resident for a period of thirty-five years. These several records of Elijah are all consistent with each other. The dates harmonize. These, with the declaration in the deed, clearly establish the parentage of Elijah and prove him to be a lineal descendant of William¹ and Anne Witter, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Elijah Witter married (1st) Lucy Clark, 18 Nov., 1756. After the death of his first wife, Elijah married (2d) Elizabeth Storey, 29 May, 1770. Elizabeth was born 26 Sept., 1749. (Birth date is from Killiam records; marriage date from records of town of Preston.)

Soon after their marriage Elijah⁵ and Elizabeth (Storey) Witter moved to Pennsylvania and settled on farming lands on the Paupac river in Pike county. They had a daughter, Elizabeth⁶, born at Paupac 3 Sept., 1773. She was the first white child born in that settlement.

Elizabeth Witter married Benjamin Tustin Killam. (See p. 56.)

After the marriage of this daughter, Elijah and his wife moved to the State of New York, where they died; Elijah in 1815, aged 80 years; and Elizabeth in 1839, aged 90 years.

KILLAM ANCESTRY.

[HENRY] AUSTIN¹, JOHN², SAMUEL³, JOHN⁴, ZADOK⁵, MOSES⁶,
BENJAMIN T.⁷, LUCY⁸, (M. JACOB PRESTON).

Existing records show that the Kilham families had resided in the parish of Kilham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, Eng., for eight successive generations previous to 1665. Tradition says they have been there since the days of William the Conqueror.

Henry Kilham and Alice Goodale, married 12 August, 1582, were residents of Dennington, Suffolk county, England, where the parish records mention the baptism of several of their children and of one of their grandchildren.

AUSTIN¹, son of Henry and Alice (Goodale) Kilham, born at Dennington previous to 1600, married Alice ——. They were residents of Dennington, Eng., where they had several children; Daniel, the eldest, being baptised in that parish in 1620. In May, 1637, Austin, with his wife and children, sailed from the port of Yarmouth for New England and landed at Salem, Mass. They lived for brief periods at Dedham and Chelmsford and, in 1638, established a permanent home at Wenham, Mass. From the wills of Austin and Alice Kilham, executed in 1667, we learn that they had three sons: Daniel, John and Lott, and three daughters: Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary. The following entries are to be found in the town records at Wenham:

"Austin Killam dyed ye 5th of ye 4th mo. 1667."

"Alice Killam dyed ye 18: 5 mo. 1667."

DANIEL², eldest son of Austin Killam, m. Sarah Fairfield, lived at Wenham, had four sons, some of whose descendants settled at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, where there is now a large colony of Killams.

LOT³, son of Austin Killam, born at Wenham, 11 Sept., 1640, m. Hannah Goodale 21 May, 1666, settled at Enfield, Conn., where some of his descendants are still living.

JOHN², second son of Austin and Alice Killam, born in England, m. Alice Pickworth, lived at Wenham, Mass., where the birth of his children is recorded as follows:

"Hannah, daughter of John Kellum, borne 29 April, 1660."

"Samuel³, sonn of John Killim, borne 1 August, 1662."

"Anne, daughter of John Killam, borne the 4(1) mo. 1673."

"Benjamin³, son of John Killim, borne 3 February, 1674."

SAMUEL³ KILLAM (John², Austin¹, Henry) married Deborah —, 1694, lived at Wenham, and had:

I. HANNAH, b. 22 March, 1695; m. John Moulton.

*II. JOHN⁴, b. 7 Sept., 1698; m. Sarah Rose.

III. BENJAMIN⁴, b. 6 Feb., 1700.

IV. JOSEPH⁴, b. 1 April, 1706.

V. NATHANIEL⁴, b. 1 Sept., 1711; m. Sarah Fairfield.

VI. ABIGAL, b. 23 March, 1714.

VII. EBENEZER⁴, b. 9 May, 1719; m. Mary Gilbert.

JOHN⁴ KILLAM (Samuel³, John², Austin¹) was a resident of the town of Preston, Conn., where on 5 March, 1718, he m. Sarah Rose (See p. 52). John⁴ and Sarah (Rose) Killam had two sons, Phineas and Zadok.

Phineas⁵, the eldest, settled at Canterbury, Conn., where, by his wife, Thankful, he had six daughters: Olive, Sarah, Elive, Thankful, Abigal, and Esther.

ZADOK⁵, son of John⁴ and Sarah Rose Killam, b. 8 Nov., 1720, was a resident of the town of Preston, where he married Hannah Button, 8 Nov., 1744. Hannah Button's probable line of ancestry was:

Matthias¹, Daniel², Matthias³, Peter⁴, Matthias⁵.

Matthias¹ Button, a Dutchman, resident of Boston, by his wife, Lettice, had: Daniel, born 22 Feb., 1635. Matthias¹ afterwards moved to Haverhill, Mass., where he died, in 1672, at an old age. His grandson, Matthias³, of Haverhill, was a member of a Massachusetts company which, in 1690, colonized the Winthrop lands, located on the east side of Little river, in Windham county, Connecticut. Peter⁴

[*See Killam Genealogy, by G. S. Brown of Boston. Scrutinizing inquiry has failed to throw any discredit on this identification of John Killam of Preston.]

Button, was a resident of New London, Conn. He had:

Matthias⁵, born at New London, 1692, who was a resident of the town of Preston and was (doubtless) father of Hannah Button, who married Zadok Killam.

[The remainder of the Killam history is from family records.]

Zadok⁶ and Hannah Button Killam had three sons: Moses⁶, Silas, and Ephraim.

MOSES⁶ KILLAM, born 1747, and his wife, Mary, born 1759 (the family record reverses these dates), settled at Goshen, N. Y., where they had:

I. BENJAMIN⁷ TUSTIN, b. 21 June, 1781; m. Elizabeth Witter.

II. MOSES⁷, b. 1783; m. Lucy Kimble.

Moses⁶, with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, moved to Pennsylvania previous to 1796 and settled on lands on the Paupac river, in Pike county.

Mary, wife of Moses⁶, died at Paupac, 16 May, 1816.

Moses⁶, Killam died at Paupac, 15 May, 1831, aged 84 years.

BENJAMIN⁷ TUSTIN KILLAM and Elizabeth Witter were married at Paupac, 1797. Benjamin was a lumberman and a farmer. His possessions embraced fertile bottom lands on both sides of the Paupac river and timber lands on the adjacent mountains. During the flood waters of the springtime he and his sons floated rafts of logs down the river to Philadelphia, where the timber was sold. Fish and game were plentiful in that region and both he and his sons were experts with the rod and gun and frequently supplied his table with the delicacies of the forest and stream. The substantial dwelling and farm buildings which he erected at the beginning of the present century are still occupied and are well preserved. He was a man of piety and often officiated at local church gatherings as clergyman. Six of his children, after arriving at maturity, emigrated to the Westward and finally settled in the Territory of Michigan. A few years previous to his death he and his wife visited their kindred in Michigan, which visit afforded the only opportunity that many of his grandchildren ever had of looking upon his benevolent features. On returning to Pennsylvania he made a will bequeathing to his several heirs some portion of his estate. His son Marcus succeeded to his estate and faithfully executed the provisions of his will.

Benjamin T. Killam died at Paupac 9 May, 1856, aged 75 years.
Elizabeth, his widow, died at Paupac 1 July, 1872, aged 97 years.
Their children were:

I. ANNA, b. 7 March, 1798; m. Thomas Bortree, died 27 March, 1884.

II. JAMES, b. 11 May 1799; d. in Penn., —, Nov., 1800.

III. LEWIS COLLINS, b. 16 Oct., 1801; m. Elizabeth Bortree; d. 7 April, 1851.

IV. EMELINE, b. 24 Dec., 1803; m. John Bingham; d. 5 April, 1898.

V. ALFRED, b. 23 Mar., 1806; m. Frances Nordman; d. 21 Sept., 1853.

VI. ELIJAH, b. 2 June, 1808; m. Sarah Rockwell; d. 18 April, 1851.

VII. MOSES, b. 19 July, 1810; d. 3 July, 1830.

VIII. LUCY WITTER, b. 16 July, 1812; m. Jacob Preston; d. 26 Feb., 1846.

IX. MARCUS NAPOLEON BONEPARTE, b. 6 Feb., 1816; m. Nancy J. Bennett; living.

X. POLLY, b. 4 April, 1820; m. James Van Camp; d. 26 April, 1895.

ANNA, daughter of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Killam, and Thomas Bortree, b. Feb., 1792, were married Sept., 1819. They had:

I. ESTHER ANN, b. 10 Sept., 1820; m. David W. Noble; d. 10 Nov., 1894.

II. BENJAMIN K., b. 4 Feb., 1822; m. Matilda Shouse; had 9 children.

III. MARY H., b. 7 March, 1824; m. Shay Depuy; d. 14 Feb., 1861.

IV. MARGARET JANE, b. 4 Feb., 1826; m. Ludoc van Storch; d. 26 Feb., 1850.

V. LEWIS S., b. 11 Nov., 1827; m. Eliza Marcy; lives at Toledo, Ohio.

VI. EMELINE K., b. 1 May, 1830; m. Ichabod Quimby; lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.

VII. ELIZABETH K., b. 24 May, 1832; d. 13 Dec., 1856.

VIII.-IX. LUCY B. and Lucy Preston both died young.

X. MOSES K., b. 14 May, 1839; m. Mary Culver. living at Grand Rapids.

Thomas Bortree died 11 Feb., 1864, aged 72 years.

EMELINE K., dau. of Thomas and Anna (Killam) Bortree, and Ichabod L. Quimby, were married 2 June, 1849. They lived at Grand Rapids, Mich., and had:

I. GEORGE I., b. 8 Nov., 1851; m. Josephine Maddock; d. 15 May, 1893.

II. CLARA S., b. 23 June, 1856.

III. ETHELYN, b. 9 Nov., 1869.

Ichabod L. Quimby, died at Grand Rapids, 24 Mar., 1889.

LEWIS⁸ COLLINS KILLAM, b. 16 Oct., 1801, and Elizabeth Bortree, b. 4 July, 1809, were married 2 Nov., 1830. They lived at Sharon, Washtenaw Co., Mich., where they had:

I. MARGARETTA ANN⁹, b. 22 Feb., 1832; m. Austin Cravath.

II. ROBERT⁹ BENJAMIN, b. 24 Jan., 1834; m. Theodate Hayden; d. April, 1877.

III. LEWIS⁹ LEANDER, b. 25 Aug., 1835; m. Nancy C. Friend.

IV. CARLOTTE EMILY, b. 11 April, 1837.

V. TUSTIN EDWARD, b. 12 Dec., 1839; m. Susan Andrews.

VI. IRENE SOPHIAH, b. 7 July, 1842; m. Robert Compton; d. April, 1866.

VII. LUCY JANE, b. 6 May, 1845; m. Wm. Hall; lives at Los Gatos, Cal.

Lewis⁸ Collins Killam died at Sharon, Mich., 7 April, 1851.

His widow, Elizabeth (Bortree) Killam, married (2d) Jonas Twit-
chell. She died in Minnesota, February, 1892.

MARGARETTA⁹ ANN KILLAM and Austin Cravath were married 29 June, 1853. They had:

I. LEWIS KILLAM CRAVATH, b. 1854; m. Katherine Ferris, 1880.

II. MYRTILLUS CRAVATH, b. Aug., 1858; m. Clara Moore, 1884.

ROBERT⁹ BENJAMIN KILLAM and Theodate Hayden were married Jan'y, 1858. They had:

I. NELLIE, b. 1859; d. 1875.

II. COLLINS¹⁰, b. 1869.

LEWIS⁹ LEANDER KILLAM and Nancy C. Friend were married 14 Sept., 1859. They live at Saratoga, Minnesota, where they had:

- I. LILY EVALINE, b. 25 Jan., 1861; m. Milford Strange, 1884.
- II. NELLIE ELVINA, b. 31 Mar., 1863; m. Geo. Patterson, 1886.
- III. EMILY ESTHER, b. 28 Mar., 1869; m. Thomas Glensted, 1893.
- IV. BERTHA ELIZA, b. 8 Nov., 1873; m. Leonard Cronk, 1892.
- V. ROBERT RAY, b. 7 Nov., 1886.

TUSTIN⁹ EDWARD KILLAM and Susan Andrews were married July, 1862. They live at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, where they had:

- I. MARY, b. Oct., 1866; m. J. V. McGetrick.
- II. WILLIAM HENRY, b. June, 1869; d. Feb., 1890.
- III. CLAUDE, b. Dec. 1875.
- IV. TUSTIN ARTHUR, b. 1881.

EMELINE⁸, second daughter of Benjamin⁷ T. Killam, born during the administration of Jefferson, the third President, lived until the administration of William McKinley, the twenty-fifth President. During the Indian war of 1812, she was one of the occupants of a fort which was garrisoned by women and one man. During an Indian attack on the fort the women melted lead and made bullets while the man fired at the Indians and kept them at bay until re-enforcements arrived and the beleaguered women were rescued. She arrived at Detroit when it was a French fort and trading-post. She passed through Ann Arbor when that city consisted of but two log houses. The mistress of each house was named Ann, and this circumstance is said to be the origin of the name "Ann Arbor." She married John K. Bingham at Paupac, Penn., 9 Sept., 1822, resided for a time at Wheatland, N. Y., and then settled in the county of Washtenaw, Michigan Territory. During their residence in that county from 1826 to 1835 Mr. Bingham was a surveyor of Government lands. Jacob Preston, his future brother-in-law, was his assistant. Together they surveyed and staked out many of the section and township lines in that portion of the state. Mr. Bingham moved to Marshall in 1836.

John K. and Emeline (Killam) Bingham had:

- I. HEZEKIAH, b. 12 January, 1825, at Wheatland, N. Y.; deceased.

II. BENJAMIN, b. 28 Feb., 1827, at Scio, Mich.; m. Sarah Carr 14 Mar., 1852; deceased.

III. ELIZA ANN, b. 17 Jan., 1829, at Scio, Mich.; m. Dr. Charles W. Hawley 15 June, 1851; lives at Plainwell, Mich.

IV. EUNICE, b. 8 July, 1831, at Lima, Mich.; m. John Kimble, 9 April, 1851.

V. ELIZABETH, b. 25 March, 1834, at Lima; m. James McRoberts, 20 Sept., 1858; resides at Grand Rapids, Mich.

VI. MOSES, b. 3 Sept., 1836, at Marshall, Mich.

VII. SARAH, b. 7 Dec., 1838, at Antwerp, Mich.; m. H. Bogardus, 1 Jan., 1857; resides at Dalton, Georgia.

VIII. MARY, b. 9 Feb., 1842, at Antwerp; m. Charles Newlands, 13 Sept., 1864; resides at Rutland, Mich.

IX.-X. RUTH and AMENZO P., both died young.

XI. CHARLES EDGAR, b. 28 Nov., 1848, at Gunn Plains; m. Hattie Ives.

John K. Bingham died at Oxford, Mich., 23 April, 1860.

Emeline Killam, his widow, died at the residence of her daughter Eliza, wife of Dr. Charles W. Hawley, at Plainwell, Mich., 4 April, 1898, aged 94 years.

ALFRED^s, son of Benj.⁷ T. Killam, went to Michigan Territory in 1827, and located a farm on government land in the town of Marengo, Calhoun county. In 1831 he visited his parents in Pennsylvania and, on his return to Michigan, was accompanied by his sister Lucy, who kept house for him until the date of his marriage.

Alfred^s Killam and Frances Nordman were married at the residence of the bride's parents in the town of Lima, 17 May, 1835. Frances was daughter of Gotlob Nordman and was born at Berlin, Prussia, 12 October, 1806. Lewis^s, the son of Alfred^s Killam, furnished substantially the following statement relative to the Nordman ancestry:

The father of Gotlob Nordman, though not of royal blood, was a member of the titled nobility of Prussia. He was a man of wealth and large possessions in Berlin, and had numerous men-servants and women-servants in his employ. Gotlob Nordman, born about 1780, inherited a large estate from his father. Under King Frederick

Wilhelm III. Gotlob was appointed Governor of the Noblemen's Cadet at Berlin, the royal military academy of the realm, and thus became the instructor of the heir apparent, Wilhelm I, afterwards Emperor of Germany. When Berlin was besieged by the armies of Napoleon, Gotlob became one of the Council of Twelve whom Frederick Wilhelm III. summoned to act as his military advisers. During the financial panic and political upheaval that followed, as a result of the war, Gotlob lost both his fortune and his office. One account states that his reverses were caused by the panic—another, that he had incurred the king's displeasure and was banished for political reasons. He then, in 1829, emigrated to America, taking with him his wife and four unmarried children, together with his personal effects, including a valuable library of scientific works. A married daughter remained in Berlin. He lived at Philadelphia for three years where he was a teacher of languages. In 1832 he emigrated to Michigan Territory and settled on a farm on section 29, in the town of Lima, Washtenaw county, where he passed the remainder of his days. Before his death he presented his valuable library to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His two sons and two daughters married Americans and settled on farms near his own.

[Edward⁹ Killam Preston (91) is a great-grandson of Gotlob Nordman.]

Alfred⁸ and Frances (Nordman) Killam lived at Marengo, Mich., where they had:

- I. PHILANDER⁹ B., b. 4 Aug., 1836.
- II. LEWIS⁹ C., b. 9 Dec., 1837.
- III. HARVEY, b. 24 Sept., 1839; d. 6 Oct., 1843.
- IV. THUSENELDA, b. 17 Dec., 1841; m. David Bachman; d. 7 Feb., 1865.
- V. MARCUS⁹ B., b. 29 April, 1844; enlisted, in 1862, in Co. A., 2d Batt. of 17th Regt., U. S. Infantry, Sykes' Division, Army of the Potomac. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, 2 July, 1863.
- VI. LUCY A., b. 25 Sept., 1847; m. B. T. K. Preston; d. 29 April, 1874.

Alfred⁸ Killam died at Marshall, Mich., 2 Sept., 1853.

Frances (Nordman) Killam died 15 April, 1861.

PHILANDER⁹ B. KILLAM and Maggie Smith were married 16 May, 1857. They lived at Marengo., where they had:

I. ALFRED¹⁰ A., b. 3 Jan., 1859; m. Carrie M. Beck, '30 Nov., 1879; lives at Carson, Mich.; had: Lee Killam, b. 17 Sept., 1884.

Maggie (Smith) Killam died 15 July, 1860.

Philander⁹ B. married (2d) Martha B. Catlin, 16 March, 1864. Martha died 24 Dec., 1868.

Philander B. married (3d) Addie Mills, 22 Feb., 1871. They lived at Matherton, Mich., where they had:

II. WILLIAM¹⁰ P., b. 8 Dec., 1872; m. Lottie Dodge, 15 June, 1893, and had: Buelah B., b. 18 Mar., 1896; d. 6 Mar., 1897.

III. MATTIE¹⁰ B., b. 23 Nov., 1873; m. John D. Hamilton, 25 Aug., 1897.

IV. Mary¹⁰ F., b. 31 March, 1875; m. Herbert F. Rice, 3 Oct., 1895; has daughter, Lucile.¹¹

V. MILDRED¹⁰, b. 5 Sept., 1877; d. 12 April, 1878.

VI. ARTHUR¹⁰ G., b. 11 Sept., 1880.

LEWIS⁹ C., son of Alfred⁸ and Frances Killam, married Lucinda M. Bryan, 20 Feb., 1866, at Marengo, Calhoun county, Mich. They settled at Moulton, Iowa, where they had:

I. FRANK¹⁰ L., b. 8 Jan., 1869.

II. CORA BELLE, b. 4 Dec., 1870.

They also had: Grove S., Claude, and Mary, each of whom died during infancy.

Lewis⁹ C. Killam now resides at Tacoma, Washington.

ELIJAH⁸, son of Benj. T. and Elizabeth Killam, settled in the town of Lima, Washtenaw county, Mich., in 1833. He married Sarah Rockwell, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. They are reported to be living near their birth-place, but have failed to furnish copy of their family record.

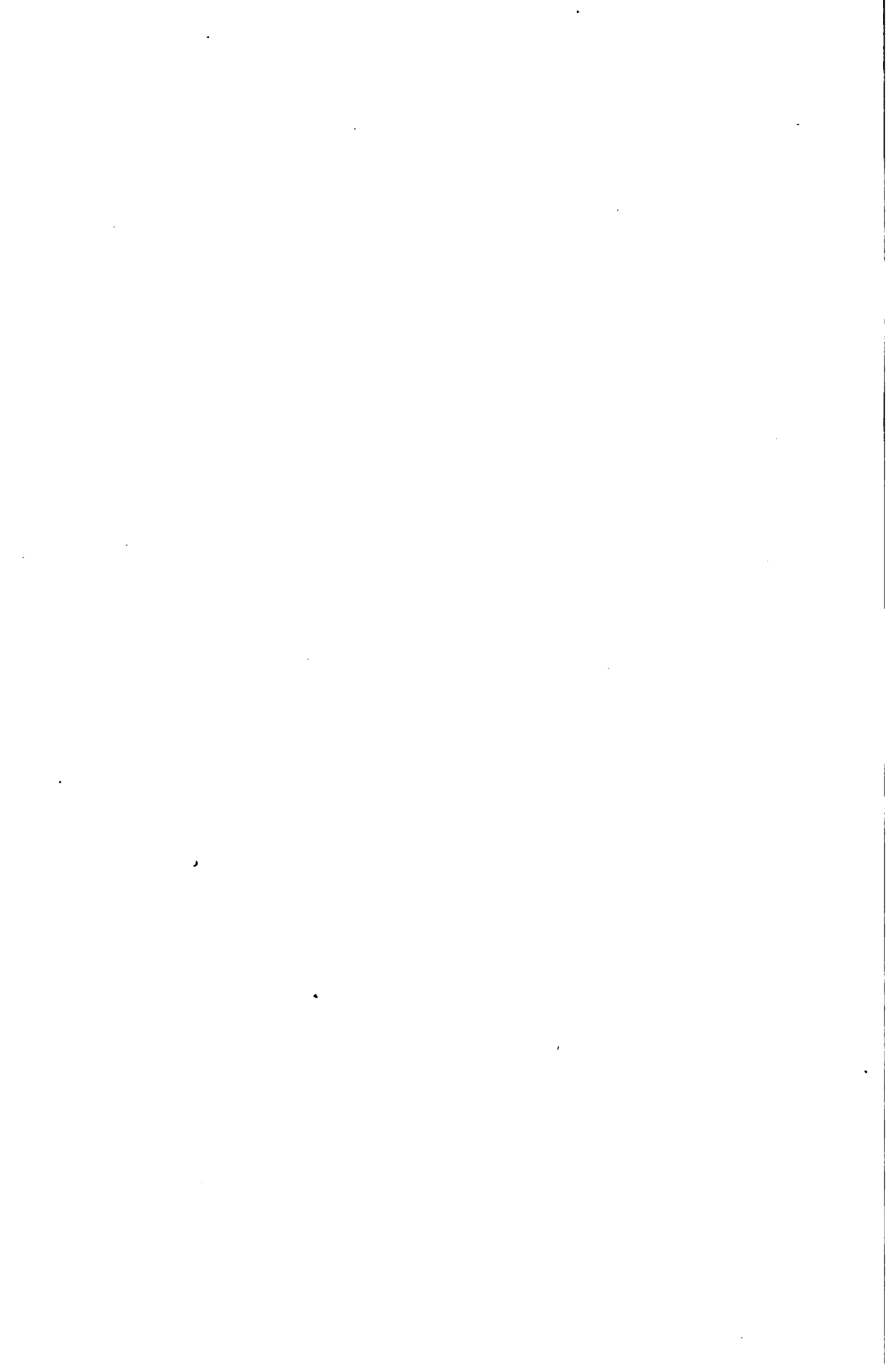
Elijah died 18 April, 1851.

LUCY⁸ WITTER, daughter of Benj.⁷ T., and Elizabeth (Witter) Killam, remained with her parents at Paupac until she was nineteen years of age. In 1831 she accompanied her brother Alfred, to his home at Marengo, Mich., and kept house for him until his marriage



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KILLAM HOMESTEAD, PAUPAC, PENN.



in 1835. While visiting her sister, Mrs. Bingham, in the town of Lima, she met Mr. Bingham's assistant, the young surveyor, who was destined to become her future husband.

Lucy Witter Killam and Jacob Preston were married, 5 Jan., 1837.

Lucy W. died in the town of Freedom, Mich., 26 Feb. 1846. [See page 29.]

MARCUS⁸ NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, youngest son of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Killam, succeeded his father in the ownership of the homestead and the management of the lumber business at Paupac. He was a skillful marksman during his prime, and delighted in hunting big game. After the death of his mother, in 1872, he sold the old homestead on the river and bought a smaller farm about a mile to the eastward, where he still resides with his family. He married (first) Olive Kimball 20 April, 1845, she died 19 July, 1847. He married (second) Nancy Jane Bennett 19 June, 1848. Marcus N. B. and Nancy J. Killam had:

- I. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁹, b. 4 July, 1849.
- II. OLIVE ELIZABETH, b. 19 Nov., 1850.
- III. ALFRED⁹ K., b. 27 July, 1853.
- IV. ESTHER BENNETT, b. 30 June, 1855. She is unmarried and resides with her parents at Paupac.

BENJAMIN F⁹., son of Marcus N. B. and Nancy Killam, is a lawyer and farmer and resides at Scranton, Penn. He married Frances E. Hollister 27 Sept., 1871. They have three daughters:

- I. EMALENE¹⁰, b. 9 May, 1874; m. Dr. Edson M. Green, 28 April, 1898.
- II. YOLLAND¹⁰ ADELENE, b. at Paupac 3 June, 1883.
- III. FRANCES¹⁰ MARIE, b. at Paupac, 12 Aug., 1892.

OLIVE E⁹., eldest daughter of Marcus N. B. and Nancy Killam, married Samuel E. Edgar 13 Dec., 1871. She died at Scranton 6 June, 1883.

Samuel E. and Olive E. Edgar had:

- I. MARCUS KILLAM EDGAR, b. 21 November, 1872; resides at Scranton.
- II. ANNA FLORENCE EDGAR, b. 30 Sept., 1875; married Sylvester Tillson; resides at Rochester, N. Y.

Sylvester and Florence E. Tillson had:

I. MARK D. TILLSON, b. 1886.

ALFRED⁹, youngest son of Marcus N. B. and Nancy B. Killam, married Lizzie Wallace 10 Feb., 1880. They reside on a farm at Paupac and had:

I. MARCUS¹⁰ ALFRED KILLAM, b. 5 Nov., 1885.

II. RUTH KILLAM, b. 6 May, 1890.

POLLY⁸, youngest daughter of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Witter Killam, married James Van Camp, Aug., 1838.

Polly (Killam) Van Camp died 26 April, 1895.

James and Polly Van Camp owned and occupied a farm at Salem, Penn., where they had:

I. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 20 Aug., 1839; m. A. J. Van Gorder.

II. MARCUS AURELIUS, b. Feb., 1841; m. Ellen Sheerer.

III. ADELAIDE, b. 7 Mar., 1844; married; had three children; d. 1888.

IV. JAMES WILSON, b. 14 April, 1846; m. Angeline Whitley, 1865.

V. OLIVE ANN, b. 5 Nov., 1848; m. Wm. Swartz.

VI. EMMARETTA, b. 23 July, 1853; m. John Hornbaker.

Mary Elizabeth Van Camp and A. J. Van Gorder were married January, 1861. They resided at Salem, Penn., where they had:

I. LYDIA, (deceased).

II. ARTHUR, b. 1 Feb., 1864. He is a photographer at Scranton, Penn.

III. EDITH, b. June, 1868; m. C. F. Crampton, 1898.

IV. MYRTLE IRENE, b. 25 Sept., 1879.

MOSES⁷, son of Moses⁶ and Mary Killam, married Lucy Kimble. They resided at Paupac, where they had:

I. DANIEL⁸, b. Feb., 1809; m. Margaret Rhoebucher.

II. IRENE, m. Amsi Woodward; had three children.

III. BENJAMIN⁸, m. Mary Ann Quick; had three sons.

IV. RUSH⁸, m. Ada Kimble; had one son and three daughters.

V. EPHRIAM⁸, b. 1819; m. (first) Catherine Nash, by whom he had three children; m. (second) Martha Nash (widow), by whom he had eight children, all of Paupac, Penn.

[Ephriam² wrote an unpublished history of Paupac.]

VI. ESTHER, m. Wm. Conklin; lived in Wayne Co., Penn.; had three children.

VII. CHRISTINE ANN, m. Joseph Gibson; lived in Ill.

VIII. MILCENIE; m. Arthur Kimble; childless.

IX. EUNICE; m. Chester Arthur; childless.

X. MARGARET; by second husband, McComb; had one son.

XI. AUGUSTA; unmarried.

XII. GEORGE N.; m. Josephine Kimble; resides at Paupac; has five sons and one daughter.

Daniel⁸, eldest son of Moses⁷ and Lucy Killam, was a wholesale merchant in New York City, where he died in 1898. He married Margaret Rhoebucher, by whom he had a daughter, Addie, a musician, known to the public as Addie Worth.

HINDS ANCESTRY.

The first ancestor of the Hinds family in America was a native of France. He settled in that portion of Mississippi which was afterwards set off and organized into Hinds county. His son, Samuel Hinds, was born about 1780, in a fort in Hinds county, Miss. Samuel married — — —, and settled in Wayne county, Kentucky, where he had: Samuel Jr., James, John, Smith, Thomas, William, Sally, Martha, Adeline, Fingal and Hiram Magee.

Hiram Magee Hinds was born 22 Oct., 1814.

Elvira Kidd was born in Wayne Co., Ky., 12 Oct., 1818.

HIRAM M. HINDS and Elvira Kidd were married 23 Oct., 1837. They owned and occupied a farm near Glasgow, Barren county, Kentucky, where they had:

I. JOHN W., b. 17 Feb., 1840; m. Rosa, adopted dau. of Geo. W. and Phoebe A. Kidd.

II. LOUISA J., b. 9 July, 1844; m. Richard W. Tully.

III. FINGAL S., b. 17 March, 1846; m. Augusta Manning.

IV. MAGGIE H., b. 8 March, 1848; m. Edward M. Preston.

V. SAMUEL J., b. 22 — —, 1850; m. Jennie Wing.

VI. MARY E., b. 6 Feb., 1854; m. (1st) E. A. McCloud; (2d) B. F. Thomas.

VII. PHOEBE A., b. 26 Feb., 1858; m. Joseph M. Rose.

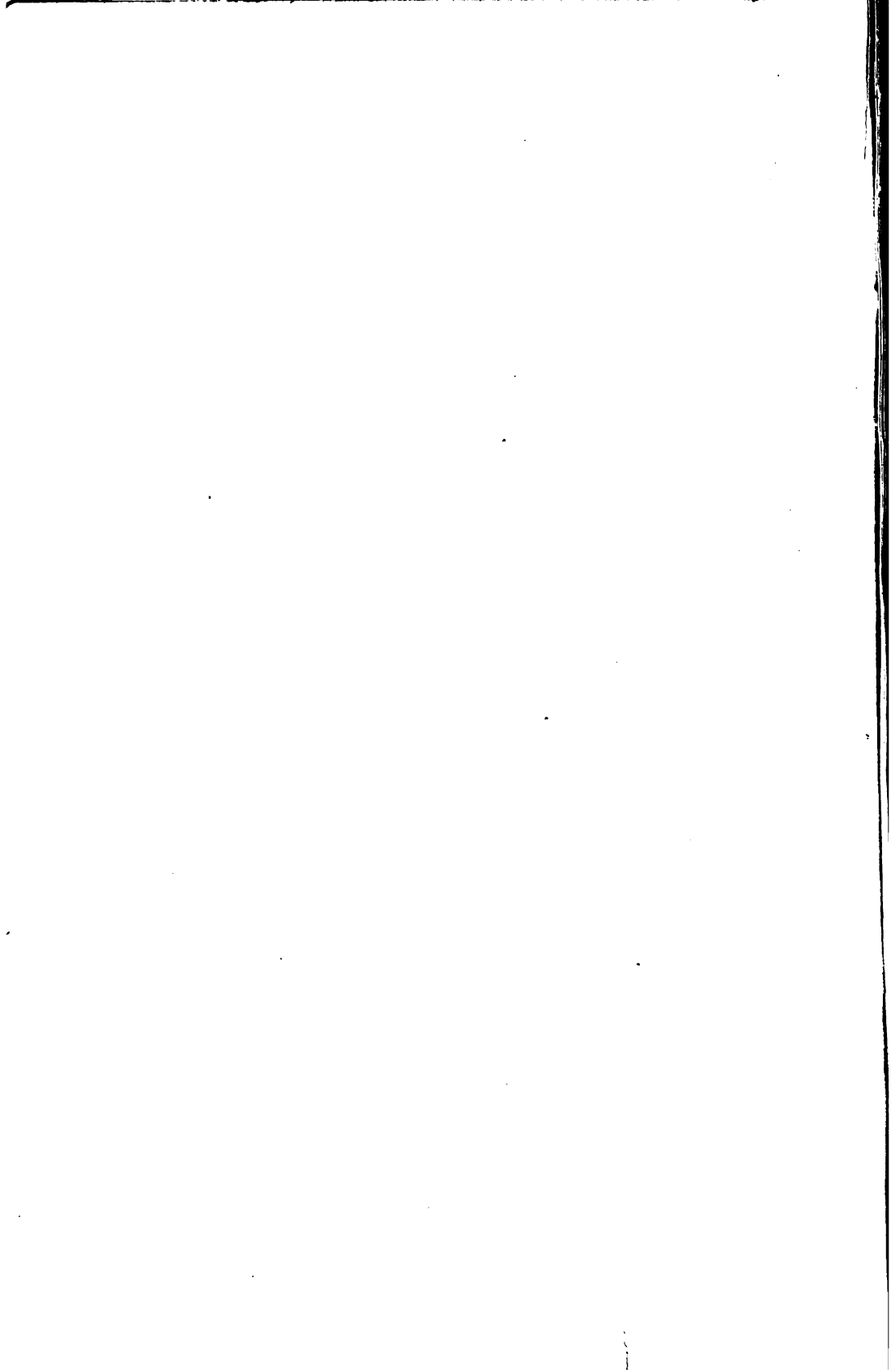
Mr. Hinds, although a resident of a slave State, was not a slave owner. He settled on a tract of wild land among the "barrens," that is, valley land, destitute of timber. His dwelling was located near Barren Fork, a branch of Green river, about thirty miles south of the Mammoth Cave. In 1860 Mr. Hinds sold his farm and, accompanied by his family, emigrated across the plains and settled in Nevada City, California, where he was afterwards engaged as a melter and assayer of gold bullion for the bank owned by Capt. Geo. W. Kidd. Mrs. Hinds was a sister of Captain Kidd. They were natives of Kentucky, and of Scotch descent. Captain Kidd was one

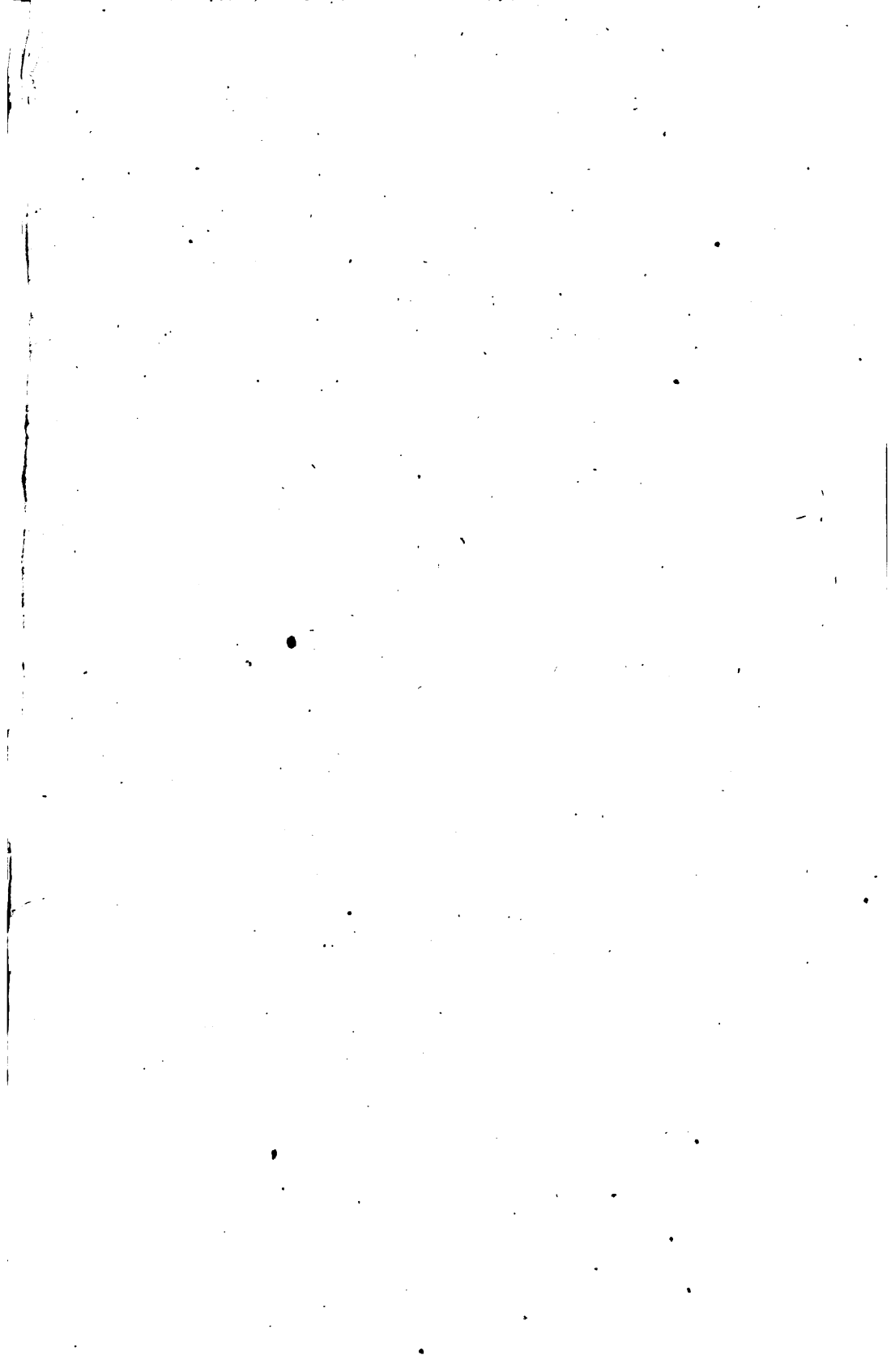
of the early settlers of Nevada City, where he owned a large interest in the "Gold Tunnel" quartz mine, which laid the foundation of his fortune. He was owner and captain of the steamer "Washoe," which carried passengers and freight between Sacramento and San Francisco on the Sacramento river. During the great flood at Sacramento in 1861-2, the steamer "Washoe," under command of Capt. Kidd, was instrumental in saving many people and valuable property in the flooded districts. In later years Capt. Kidd resided at Stockton, where he conducted a bank and a fruit ranch. He finally settled at San Francisco, where he died 22 April, 1879.

H. M. Hinds and family resided at Nevada City for seventeen years. In 1877, he and his wife moved to Fresno, Cal., where they occupied a fruit ranch owned by their son, John.

Elvira Kidd, wife of H. M. Hinds, died at Fresno, 24 Oct., 1883, and was buried at San Jose.

Mr. Hinds spent his declining years with his daughter, Phoebe, and her husband, J. M. Rose, on their farm at Griswold, Sharv's Island, Washington, where he died 20 July, 1894, aged 80 years.



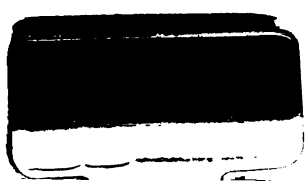


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